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SUNDAY, October 21—
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MONDAY, October 23—
5.30 r.M. Fresidential Address by the MARQUIS OF LORNE, K.T.,

TUESDAY, October 20—
10 a.M. Section of Painting: Presidential Address by BRITON
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2.30 r.M. Section of Applied Art: Presidential Address by

WEDNESDAY WILLIAM MORRIS, followed by Two Papers.

10 a.M. Combined Moeting of the Sections of Sculpture, Architecture, and the National and Municipal Encouragement of Art.

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2.30 r.M. Section of Sculpture: Presidential Address by B. ONSLOW

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Mr. Aitken is obliged to confess that it has been impossible to discover anything about Steele's family before the time of his father, who in 1667 was admitted a member of the King's Inns at Dublin as an attorney. Three years later he married Mrs. Elinor Simes, a widow whose maiden name was Sheyles, and by her second marriage this lady had two children—Richard, the subject of this biography, and Katherine, who was of unsound mind. The story of young Steele's school and college days was already tolerably well known, and we shall pass on

to his military career, of which for the first time something like a clear and authentic account is given. On leaving Oxford in 1694 Steele enlisted as one of the troopers or "gentlemen," as they were then calledin the second troop of Royal Horse Guards commanded by the Duke of Ormond; and in the following year he was appointed an ensign in the company of the Colonel Lord Cutts. It should perhaps have been mentioned by Mr. Aitken, in explanation of what now seems rather an anomaly, that in former days the colonel, besides the command of his regiment, had usually the administrative charge of a company. In February, 1702, Steele was named captain in Lord Lucas's newly raised regiment of foot in pursuance of a list of King William's. His name had been probably brought to the sovereign's notice by the publication of the 'Procession,' a poem written by Steele on the occasion of Queen Mary's funeral, and dedicated to Lord Cutts, who gave him a standard in his regiment, and attached him to his person as secretary and supernumerary aide-de-camp. It is disappointing to learn, from a correspondence published, we believe, for the first time by Mr. Aitken, that some years after he had left Lord Cutts's staff, Steele wrote to his old general desiring "peremptorily" to be paid "for his long and chargeable attendance." Steele's first application on the subject has not been found, but Lord Cutts's severe and dignified answer is printed in these pages as well as the draft of a second letter from Steele, still asking for a recom-

Before turning from the description of Steele's soldiering days it may be worth noticing that his biographer declares that Steele in 1700 was already a captain in the Coldstream Guards. Now we are aware of no evidence in favour of this assertion, which, for professional reasons, is extremely unlikely, and is also at direct variance with Steele's "answer" to Sansome's bill in the Court of Chancery in 1718. Blackmore in his 'Discommendatory Verses,' published in 1700, speaks of Steele as the "noble captain." But the "City Knight" cannot be accepted as an authority on military rank; and we find, moreover, that in the accounts of the duel between Steele and Kelly, which took place later in the same year, both the Flying Post and the London Post speak of Captain Kelly and Mr. Steele, an officer of the Guards. While referring to this duel we should state that Mr. Aitken is the first writer of modern days who has discovered anything certain on the subject. There was always a vague rumour that Steele had "been out," but these pages supply an authentic account of the affair. Steele, who was the offended party, behaved with courage and forbearance. For some time he contented himself with parrying his adversary's thrusts, but at last Kelly, owing to his own rashness, was run through the body.

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Mr. Aitken's most interesting discovery is, we think, about Steele's first wife, who, it appears, was Mrs. Margaret Stretch, a widow, and sister of Major Robert Ford, of Barbados. It was known that Steele had been married before he met with Mary Scurlock, but the name of his first wife had been long forgotten till Mr. Aitken found in the registers at Somerset House the clue to this important event in Steele's life, and communicated the discovery to this journal in

Another curious revelation of the biographer refers to Steele's second marriage. Many of our readers will remember the letter written by Mary Scurlock on her engagement to Steele, asking, or rather demanding, her mother's permission for the marriage. In this somewhat imperious application mention is made of a certain "H. O.," whose attentions to the young lady were so unwelcome that she had torn up, without reading it, a letter from him, received by the very last post, "he being beneath my scornful Laugh." This "H.O." has hitherto been as mysterious a personage as the "dark woman" of Shakspeare's son-nets, but Mr. Aitken has been able to throw some unexpected light on his identity. It appears that there was a time when this "wretched impudence," as she calls him, was on tolerably intimate terms with Mary Scurlock. Mr. Aitken has discovered that "H. O." was Mr. Henry Owen, of Carmarthenshire, who some years previously had brought an action for breach of promise against the lady. An account of the proceedings in the Consistorial Court of London is given in these pages. According to the promoter's statement Mary Scurlock's relations with "H. O." had been, according to our modern ideas, rather indiscreet, and her "answer" does not appear entirely satisfactory. Owen, however, lost his case, and the lady was free to give her hand to Steele, who has made her name so well known to readers of eighteenth century literature. Mr. Aitken has been fortunate enough to bring to light charming portraits of Lady Steele (who certainly deserved her reputation as a beauty) and of her mother, and excellent reproductions are given in these volumes.

It is not quite clear when Steele first seriously turned his attentions to politics, but in 1713 he was deeply involved in party strife, and in March appeared the first number of the Guardian, which before long was engaged in a warm contest with the Examiner. The commencement of the following year found the country in a fever of excitement. It was known that the queen had been seriously ill; her health was evidently failing, and rumours of the speedy arrival of the Pretender were eagerly discussed in the coffee-houses and other places of public resort. At this juncture Steele, who had been elected member for Stockbridge in the previous autumn, published the 'Crisis,' which was immediately answered by Swift's 'Public Spirit of the Whigs,' the bitterest and most powerful of his political satires. The only writer of that day who could have competed successfully with Swift in this sort of controversy was Addison, but that cautious politician, whose temperament in many points resembled Sir William Temple's, refrained from taking any conspicuous part in public life during such stormy times. He assisted his colleagues with advice; he attended in his place in Parliament, and was even willing to look over the proof-sheets of his friends' pamphlets; but he had no idea of disturbing the calm serenity of his mind, or imperilling his personal comfort, by taking any active share in the fray.

'The Public Spirit of the Whigs' was fiercely attacked, and among its assailants was Defoe, whose performance on that occasion was not masterly. His position was in fact full of difficulties. Swift was at that time acting in intimate connexion with Harley, to whom Defoe was bound by the strongest ties of gratitude, and there is abundant evidence that the relations between Defoe and Harley were no secret to their contemporaries. The Lord Treasurer was fond of securing the assistance of able writers, and on his accession to office he had made some efforts to obtain the services of Steele; but the attempt, as we know, failed, and Steele remained one of the most implacable and persistent

adversaries of the ministry.

When the session was opened the hostile demonstrations which greeted Steele's maiden speech showed how intensely his political writings had irritated the Tory party. A formal complaint was made in the House on the 12th of March against certain passages of the 'Crisis' and the Englishman, and when the case came on for further hearing, a few days later, Steele's expulsion from the House was carried by 245 votes to 152.

Mr. Aitken gives an excellent account of Steele's conduct on the Peerage Bill of 1719, which caused the rupture of his long and intimate connexion with Addison. The principal object of the Bill, which was brought forward by the Whigs, was to limit the number of English peerages, and there can be no doubt that it was a grave mistake. Steele, whose views on this occasion were shared by the former rivals Walpole and Lord Oxford, felt himself compelled by conscientious motives to act in opposition to his party, and he attacked the measure in a weekly periodical called the Plebeian. It was well written, and it produced two very unusual results: Addisonallowed his usually placid temper to be ruffled, and for almost the only time in his life he published a

political paper. The Old Whig, though composed in behalf of a bad cause, was written with great ability, and contained many touches of that refined, but trenchant humour which would have enabled Addison to excel in that sort of composition. Two numbers appeared, but in the fourth and last Plebeian Steele spoke of his adversary as "insolent," and Addison withdrew from the controversy. The death of Addison, which occurred a few months later, prevented the difference between the two friends from being ever made up.

We miss in these volumes a very characteristic story of Steele and Addison, which D'Israeli relates in his 'Calamities of Authors,' on the authority of Lady Steele's cousin, the Rev. David Scurlock. But perhaps the anecdote is not thought sufficiently decorous for our modern standard of propriety.

A few words must be said about Mr. Aitken's general conception of Steele's character, which appears to be too high. We have certainly no wish to deny that in private life Steele was the kindest and most affectionate of men. He was a philanthropist in the best sense of the word. His patriotism was pure and disinterested. But he was deficient in tact and judgment, and his good qualities were too often neutralized by a want of settled principle. Mr. Aitken asserts that Steele " first of all a man of the world, and only in a secondary degree a man of letters." We do not exactly know in what sense the term "man of the world" is here used, but in any case the character appears to require certain attributes which Steele could never have possessed. Swift was "a man of the world," and so was Addison; but Steele ne er acquired that practical wisdom which is so requisite for success in life. We are not ashamed to confess a feeling of sympathy, and even of affection, for Steele's warm heart and genuine disposition; but his life, even as portrayed in these sympathetic pages, appears to be full of inconsistencies and failures.

Of Mr. Aitken's book we can, on the whole, speak with high praise. We have already referred to the vast amount of new and interesting information which it contains, and it may be added that the writer's style is clear and pleasant; his narrative of events is scrupulously impartial, and the arrangement of the subject into books and chapters is excellent. The shortcomings of the work are of no great importance. not worth while to allude to the misspelling of a few names and other trifling errors which are, perhaps, due to the printer. The chief drawback that we find to these volumes is that their author has little skill in judging of character, and his reflections on the events which he so well describes show a want of knowledge and experience of real life. Another objection we must raise is to the great length at which the writer occasionally treats matters of little general interest or importance. The accounts of the various law cases in which Steele was engaged take up altogether in these volumes some thirty odd pages, which might with advantage be considerably compressed; and the long genealogical discussions should, assuredly, be placed in the appendix. But these defects do not lessen the value of the work in any material degree, and we are confident that all who are interested in the history of that epoch will be grateful to Mr. Aitken for this valuable contribution to our knowledge of Steele, his contemporaries and his times.

Canterbury Poets.—Selections from the Greek Anthology. Edited by Graham R. Tomson. (Scott.)

THE idea of including a volume of selected translations from the 'Anthology' in the series of "Canterbury Poets" is a good one. In the first place it gives students of literature who are unacquainted with the Greek language an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a body of poetry which is, more than any other, thoroughly representative of the Greek mind and character, and that, too, at a time when Greek culture and thought were most of all in contact with the rest of the world. Besides this, it is a body of poetry which lends itself better than most to translation. It is hard-in fact, it is impossible-for a translation to give an adequate idea of Homer or Æschylus; but the happier moments of several poets have given us versions which convey a very sufficient notion of the poems of the 'Anthology.' A volume of ideal translations of the best pieces contained in this collection would be a volume to be treasured by all lovers of poetry, whether they were acquainted with the originals or not.

The ideal is not reached in the present volume, though it contains much that is satisfactory. The writers whose versions have been laid most under contribution are Mr. Andrew Lang, Dr. Richard Garnett, Miss Alma Strettell, and Mr. W. M. Hardinge, to whom collectively two-thirds of the whole is due. Among the other writers, from whom one or two examples have been taken, are Shelley, Sir Edwin Arnold, Mr. Gosse, Prof. Goldwin Smith, and Dean Burgon. The list might have been enlarged with advantage. Mr. J. A. Symonds is represented by only three examples, and those not his best. How, too, did the editor come to pass over the brilliant translation of Callimachus's ode on Heracleitus (vii. 80), quoted by Mr. Symonds from the author of 'Ionica' (Mr. W. Johnson), the well-known

poem beginning-

They told me, Heracleitus, they told me you were dead,
They brought me bitter news to hear, and bitter

tears to shed?

Mr. Andrew Lang's version, which is given in place of this, is not one of his happiest efforts. Nor does the editor seem to be acquainted with the very scholarly renderings of several of the poems of the 'Anthology' in 'Amaranth and Asphodel,' by Mr. A. J. Butler, of Brasenose, the quality of which, together with that of the present volume, may be illustrated by quoting the versions of one or two of the best-known pieces of the collection. Take, for instance, the beautiful poem of Ptolemy the astronomer (ix. 577). Dr. Garnett's rendering is spoilt by an inversion of the order of thought and a rather obscure and feeble third line:—

I, rapt in scrutiny as Night unbars The thick and mazy glories of the stars, Though earth on Earth, no more am linked to her, But sit in Jove's own hall a banqueter. tl

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Miss Alma Strettell's fails, as so many of hers do, through a jerky and inharmonious

Though I may know myself mortal, the thing of a

moment, Yet when I gaze on the stars, thronging their circlèd course.

Then I no longer touch earth, but with Zeus in the

Take my fill of ambrosia, the food of the gods. We much prefer Mr. Butler's version,

slightly expanded though it is:-I know that death must end my little day: Yet when mine eyes the mazy heavens do scan Wherein the stars revolving wind their way, My feet are lifted from the earth they trod; I rise, and rest beyond the realm of man, Filled with the everlasting food of God.

Or take the often quoted epigram of Plato (vii. 669). Dr. Garnett's rendering is good :-

Thou eyest the stars, my Star? That mine might

You host of starry eyes to bend on thee!

But Mr. Butler's seems to us still better:-

Thine eyes are fixed upon the starry skies, Thou star of mine!

Would I were heaven with multitudinous eyes To gaze on thine!

But though we may wish the selection altered in some particulars, in most respects it is a satisfactory piece of work. The editor's preface is written in a somewhat too rhetorical style; but the translations themselves form an attractive volume, and one very illustrative of the varying shades of Greek thought on those matters of neverceasing interest to man in all ages-on love and death and nature. There is a decidedly uniform ring about the whole series, with all its variety of authors, and ranging though it does over a thousand years-more uniform than a similar collection of English lyrics would be that placed the poets of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries side by side. For the most part it presents a somewhat superficial view of life; a conventional, not a real passion of love; a light, and not a deep sadness at death; but at times the conventionality is broken up, and a deep and real feeling shines through, and these are the gems of the 'Anthology.' But it is full of human interest throughout, in its light and in its serious moods alike—a candid and unrestrained expression of a view of life not particularly profound or exalted, with often an unintentional pathos in its very levity, and always with the grace which was the in-heritance of Greeks, and not lost in Alexandria or even in Constantinople.

But to return to the translations. and away the best are those of Mr. Lang (nearly all of which are included in his 'Grass of Parnassus'). The lyrics of Theocritus and Mr. Lang's prose versions of them are so well known and accessible that they need hardly have been repeated here; but of the rest every one is welcome. This version of the epitaph on the poetess Erinna by Antipater of Sidon (vii. 713) is a beauti-

ful little poem :-

Brief is Erinna's song, her lowly lay, Yet there the Muses sing; Therefore her memory doth not pass away, Hid by Night's shadowy wing! But we,—new countless poets,—heaped and hurled All in oblivion lie; Better the swan's chant than a windy world
Of rooks in the April sky!

So is this expanded rendering of one of the lyrics of Rufinus (v. 94):-

Thou hast Hera's eyes, thou hast Pallas' hands, And the feet of the Queen of the yellow sands. Thou hast beautiful Aphrodite's breast, Thou art made of each goddess's loveliest! Happy is he who sees thy face, Happy who hears thy words of grace, And he that shall kiss thee is half divine, But a god who shall win that heart of thine!

As regards the other contributors, the translations of Dr. Garnett are always neat and finished, but are sometimes wanting in spirit and in that inspired happiness of touch which makes Mr. Lang's versions so charming. Dr. Garnett is at his best, perhaps, with the lighter and more humorous epigrams; but the following is a neat and characteristic rendering of a couplet of Lucillius (v. 68):-

> Eros, I pray thee to remove Or else divide my pain; Either forbid me more to love, Or make me loved again.

Miss Alma Strettell's translations are faithful, but, as has been said already, too often imperfect in rhythm. Mr. Hardinge's are generally freer, and the best of them have plenty of strength and poetry about We wish we had room to quote his translation of Meleager's poem on the coming of Spring (ix. 363), one of the finest specimens of the love of nature in the Greek language. But it is impossible to quote all the gems that are contained in this volume; and what space remains is required for another poem by Meleager, a writer more than any other typical of the whole spirit of the 'Anthology,' alike in its general levity and gaiety of mood and in its occasional bursts of the truest and deepest feeling. It is his lament for his lost love Heliodora, and the translation is by Mr. Andrew Lang:-

> Tears for my lady dead— Heliodore! Salt tears, and strange to shed, Over and o'er: Tears to my lady dead. Love do we send, Longed for, rememberèd, Lover and friend! Sad are the songs we sing, Tears that we shed, Empty the gifts we bring, Gifts to the dead! Go, tears, and go, lament, Fare from her tomb, Wend where my lady went Down through the gloom ! Ah, for my flower, my love, Hades hath taken, Ah, for the dust above Scattered and shaken! Mother of blade and grass, Earth, in thy breast Lull her that gentlest was

One shortcoming must be noticed in conclusion, and that is the absence of references to the originals. No doubt the volume is intended primarily for those who do not know Greek; but there are many whom the reading of this volume would send, as it should, to the originals, but whose kindling zeal would be quenched by the difficulty of finding them. It is to be hoped that this fault will be remedied whenever a second edition is called for.

Gently to rest!

Lestorie des Engles solum la Translacion Maistre Geffrei Gaimar. Edited by the late Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy and Charles Trice Martin. — Vol. I. Text. Vol. II. Translation. (Eyre & Spottiswoode.)

In addition to the contents indicated on the title-page, these volumes include the Anglo-French 'Lay of Haveloc' with a translation, the Latin text of the 'Gesta Her-wardi,' and a short Latin piece containing a narrative identical in substance, though not in the names of the personages, with Gaimar's story about Osbryht and Beorn. Both the chronicle of Gaimar and the accompanying pieces have been printed before; but the present is the first edition which is based on a collation of all the extant MSS. The edition was commenced by the late Sir T. Hardy, who passed through the press 101 pages, containing about one-third of Gaimar's text. After the lapse of several years the work has been completed by Mr. Martin, who is responsible for the greater part of the text and for the translation and the introductions.

For the purposes of the historical student, as distinguished from those of the student of language, this edition of Gaimar may be regarded as adequate. Mr. Martin's introduction appears to contain nearly all the attainable information with regard to the sources used by the chronicler and to the degree of historical value which belongs to his work. The translation, though not faultless in minor details, is substantially accurate, and the discrepancies between Gaimar's statements and those of other authorities are pointed out in the foot-notes. The index is, so far as we have observed, sufficiently full and exact. The only considerable fault which we have to find, apart from the philological matters afterwards to be mentioned, relates to the treatment of the proper names in the translation. would, we think, have been better if the names of places had been given in Gaimar's own spelling wherever this possesses any special interest. For example, the place of Athelstan's famous victory is by Gaimar called Bruneswere; the substitution of "Brunanburh" in the translation obscures a fact which throws some light on the question of the sources from which this part of Gaimar's work is derived. In general the local names are given only in their modern forms; and as the identity of the places referred to is often a matter of doubt, it is necessary to turn to the original text in order to discover what Gaimar actually says. Some of the foot-notes relating to local nomenclature are positively misleading. "La cité de Luie," which seems to represent the Anglo-Saxon Lygean byrig (Lenborough), is strangely explained as meaning London. In another note Mr. Martin repeats the suggestion of the 'Monumenta Historica Britannica' that Bede's Pægnalech may have been identical with Pincanhealh. conjecture, which was founded merely on the slight resemblance in the sound of the names, is quite impossible; the modern form of Pægnalech is Painley. In some other instances Gaimar's forms of names are given without comment when it would have been possible to make a reasonable suggestion as to the identity of the place. "Brunemue," for instance, is in Gaimar's orthography

precisely the normal rendering of Bournemouth, and the context of the passage contains nothing to render it unlikely that that

place is meant.

Although for a certain small portion of English history Gaimar ranks as an original authority, and although in some other portions it is possible that he may have had access to authentic sources not now extant, the main interest of his work is linguistic rather than historical, and from the philological point of view this edition leaves much to be desired. It is, for one thing, a great disappointment to find that there is no glossary. Even a mere word-index would have been a valuable addition to the slender apparatus existing for the study of Anglo-French; but nothing of the sort has been supplied. A perfectly satisfactory glossary to Gaimar could, indeed, scarcely have been made except on the basis of a critical text, and the plan adopted by Sir T. D. Hardy (which Mr. Martin has, of course, been obliged to follow) did not include the construction of a text at all. The method followed is to print the readings of the Royal MS. in the body of the page, giving the "more important" variants of the other MSS. at the foot. When the Royal MS. omits a word or a passage the deficiency is sometimes, though by no means always, supplied within brackets from one of the other copies; but all blunders other than omissions are left uncorrected, even when all the other MSS. present what is obviously the true reading. In lines 1389-90, for example, the reading printed as "text" is as follows :-

> Li reis Ecbrith a Bas le prestre Donat la cure, mes il nel volt estre.

Instead of la cure the three remaining MSS., according to the foot-note, read "Raculne," which should, of course, be Raculue (Reculver). Mr. Martin follows the right reading in his translation, but does not append any note to show that the text requires correction. The reader, in fact, has to construct his own text as best he can. The portions of the introduction referring to matters of language and metre are (as has been shown in detail by M. Paul Meyer in Romania for April) very far from accurate. Mr. Martin has a fair working knowledge of Old French for ordinary purposes, but a great deal more than this is required in order to edit Gaimar's chronicle in a manner worthy of its importance as a linguistic monument. It is, indeed, doubtful whether there is any English scholar who is thoroughly competent for such a task. For an edition of Gaimar, in the proper sense of the word, we shall probably have to be indebted to some Frenchman or German. In the mean time these volumes are acceptable as furnishing a record of the documentary readings. The edition of the 'Lay of Haveloc' has, of course, the same merits and defects as that of Gaimar. The two Latin pieces are satisfactorily edited, though the 'Gesta Herneeds more elaborate illustration than the limitations of the "Rolls Series" permit.

Russia in Central Asia in 1889, and the Anglo - Russian Question. By the Hon. George N. Curzon, M.P. (Longmans & Co.)

MR. CURZON has written a good book, which contains all the facts about Central Asia that the British public wants to know, but facts which lead the author to conclusions that are a little contradictory. The excellences of the work are that the writer does full credit to Mr. Schuyler and his other forerunners in Russian Central Asia; and that he honestly tries to hold the balance even between those whom he calls "Russophobes who mislead others" (Prof. Vámbéry to wit), and "Russophiles whom others mislead" (to wit Mr. Stead). The author is well informed, and has taken great trouble to put the position of Russia in Central Asia truthfully before the public, and his final chapter, "Russian Rule in Central Asia," is about as good as possible. Moreover, we are at one with Mr. Curzon as regards much of the policy which he recommends, such as the construction of frontier railways for trading purposes-for example, the Nushki and Girishk lines-although we think him sanguine in believing that they would pay. Some, too, of the writer's suggestions thrown out in passing are valuable, as, for instance, where he says that Russia possesses an advantage over us in having a candidate, namely, Ishak, ready for the Afghan throne in the event of a vacancy from any cause, and that we, too, ought to have made up our mind as to who is to be the present Ameer's successor.

Mr. Curzon powerfully points out the enormous advantages in a military sense which Russia gains in the greater proximity to India of her base of operations. But while no fault can be found with the wisdom and prudence of the greater portion of his statements, there is a sentence at p. 321 that is in sharp contradiction with great deal of his book. In this passage Mr. Curzon tells us that on the day when a Russian army marches southward from Balkh towards Kabul, or from Herat to-wards Kandahar, the British commander will be able to use Cromwell's words: "Now hath the Lord delivered them into my hand!" Yet immediately before and immediately after this curious passage, which seems to be a survival from Mr. Curzon's earlier writings, and to have been penned before he had paid sufficient attention to his subject, he has expressed far more accurate views. If Russia should attack us in India as matters stand, and without having carefully prepared her base, no doubt she would court the destruction of her hosts; but Mr. Curzon shows, as ably as any one can show, that her policy is a waiting one, and that if she is tempted by us to annex the northern and western provinces of Afghanistan she will consolidate her power there, and then possess considerable advantages over us for any future war. In the chapter immediately before the one in which the Cromwell saying is to be found, Mr. Curzon has carefully compared the possible strength upon the frontier, having regard to transport difficulties, of the Russian and British armies, and has shown that, while we might hope to hold our own at first, Russia could bring up reinforcements

from the Caspian as she might need them, while the British commander would be "de-plorably in arrear" of his rival in this essential respect. Immediately after the Cromwell passage, too, Mr. Curzon shows that a conterminous frontier involving direct contact, and "multiplying and magnifying to an incalculable extent" Russia's capacity to strike, is the present object of her ambition, and that the conterminous frontier for which Russia seeks, and which would, in his opinion, so greatly increase her strength, is to be obtained by the occupation of those Herat and Balkh provinces of which the Cromwell sentence expresses so different a view. In the pages in which Mr. Curzon has returned to his right political sense he shows how the realization of the project of allowing Russia to come to the line of the Hindu Kush would involve the extinction of the present strong and united Afghanistan, would hand over to Russia the two granaries of the Oxus basin, and "would necessitate a considerable addition to the Indian army, and a burdensome charge upon Indian finances," as well as cause in India perpetual panic. Our author justly concludes that, while we may one day be driven to a partition, all reasons concur in bidding us "not embrace it as a pro-gramme." We find a similar contradiction between the views expressed by Mr. Curzon upon the most important point whether a Russian occupation of Herat should or would cause war between the countries. At p. 352 he treats it as an open question. At p. 353 he argues that it is folly to suppose "that any infraction of the newly-established Afghan frontier must, as a matter of honour, be followed by a British declaration of war.' But at p. 267 he uses words strangely at variance with the others: "A Russian occupation of Herat ..... such a step cannot fail to involve war."

In one of the early chapters of Mr. Curzon there is an unfortunate remark which will be seized hold of by those who desire to bring about a partition of Afghanistan or a Russian advance to the line of the Hindu Kush: "Even if she held Herat she would not therefore imperil Kandahar, while even if she held both Herat and Kandahar she would not be much nearer the conquest of India." This passage is no doubt defensible in argument, but to those who do not give careful attention to the author's exact meaning it will suggest the very op-posite of the conclusions which he desires to place before the reader as his own. At p. 270 Mr. Curzon argues most powerfully against steps which he thinks would lead to "the consolidation of Russian dominion" almost up to Kandahar: "It would bring a possible enemy a month nearer to the Indus and to India....It would involve an enormous concentration of troops, and a heavy charge upon the Indian Exchequer. It would necessitate a standing increase of the Indian army"; and he speaks of the project as "fantastic" and "dangerous." Now the ordinary reader will gather a very different impression from this passage than from the other which has been quoted.

One of the suggestions of Mr. Curzon is, we think, somewhat dangerous, even from his own point of view, and it is what he calls "the institution of British officers" at Balkh, Maimena, and Herat, where he is of opinion that they could now be left in perfect

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This suggestion of dispatching British officers to live upon the extreme frontier-whether with a large escort, and with the consequent inconveniences which have already been seen in the case of the Lumsden Mission, or without an escort, and thus exposed to the risk of murder-does not seem to be either politic in itself or likely to command support from the Indian Govern-

We began by greatly praising Mr. Curzon's volume, and if we have noticed points of difference rather than of agreement, it is because the former concern matters of the greatest interest at the present moment. The descriptive portions of Mr. Curzon's book are excellent, and few indeed are his statements to which we would take exception. He is inclined to believe that rivers ordinarily impinge upon their eastern banks, whereas both the Volga, in the greater portion of its course, and the Indus, in two well-known districts, impinge upon their western banks, as is the case with many streams. follows the ordinary practice by colouring Gilgit as British in his maps, while the Khyber is not coloured into India, the fact being that we possess in the Khyber troops under our direct authority, which has not hitherto been the case at Gilgit, and the colouring, although usual, is misleading, and should be avoided in Mr. Curzon's next edition. Our author refuses to believe that Lord Beaconsfield meditated the surrender of Herat to Persia, yet there is no real doubt about the fact. What Mr. Curzon might have said more safely is that the public are not acquainted with the conditions under which the annexation to Persia was proposed. He follows the ordinary belief in stating that the health of the Ameer of Afghanistan is extremely precarious, whereas we believe that the Government of India have been informed by the British officer who has recently returned from Afghanistan that the Ameer is likely, if he escapes assassination, to live for many years. The only other matters that we must mention are mere trifles, such as peculiarities of style and printer's errors which should be cor-rected by the writer. "M. Barthelemy St.-Hilaire" is a vulgar error in a well-known name; and "the glimmer of jingo war-paint" is a phrase which strikes us as peculiar in a learned argument.

Gleanings from Old St. Paul's. By W. Sparrow Simpson, D.D. (Stock.)

Until Mr. Maxwell Lyte's invaluable 'Calendar of the Archives of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral 'appeared in an appendix to the Ninth Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission in 1883 comparatively little was known of this mine of historical wealth, notwithstanding the valuable labours of Sir William Dugdale, the late Dean Milman, and Arch-deacon Hale. Ten years before Mr. Lyte's Calendar appeared Dr. Sparrow Simpson had edited the statutes and customs of St. Paul's Cathedral from the original MSS .: and antiquaries are further indebted to him for a volume of documents illustrating the history of the Cathedral which he brought out under the auspices of the Camden Society. Mr. Lyte's Calendar discloses so many documents of interest and value, not only respecting the Cathedral, but also the history of the City of London itself, its municipality, its topography, and the lives of many of its most illustrious citizens, that we should have been well content if Dr. Simpson, instead of going further afield in search of "gleanings," had directed his energy towards publishing in extenso some of the more important documents which Mr. Lyte was only able to give in abstract.

Dr. Simpson begins with an account of the College of Minor Canons, incorporated by Richard II .- a body distinct from the Dean and Chapter, and one which hitherto has scarcely obtained the notice it deserves. The Latin text of the charter and statutes of the College has already been printed in Archeologia. After some gossip upon the Cathedral library, its stained-glass windows, and the tonsure plate used in St. Paul's, and now preserved in the Manuscript Department of the British Museum, Dr. Simpson prints an abstract of the contents of a note-book kept by a verger of the Cathedral, one Michael Shaller or Shawler, in the latter half of the sixteenth century. The note-book attracted the attention of Mr. Maxwell Lyte, who gave a fairly exhaustive description of its contents in his Calendar already mentioned.

By far the largest portion of the book is given up to church music, more especially as practised in St. Paul's, with biographical notes of various organists of the Cathedral, a subject which interests perhaps a com-paratively small number of readers, but one upon which Dr. Simpson writes con amore and with perfect knowledge. It has always been more or less a matter of doubt as to who were meant by the "Children of Paul's" by whom plays were formerly acted-whether they were the choristers of the Cathedral or the boys of St. Paul's School. Dean Milman was of opinion that there was "clear and abundant evidence that the St. Paul's company was that of the choristers"; Dr. Simpson, on the other hand, declares it to be impossible to say in every case what the term signified, for "sometimes it means the children of the choir school of the Cathedral, or in other words, the choristers; sometimes the children of St. Paul's School, the noble foundation of Dean Colet." Boys with good voices were held in such esteem that royal commissions were frequently issued "to take up well-singing boys for furnishing the royal chapels"; and in 1585 the queen granted to Thomas Gyles, master of the children at St. Paul's, a roving commission to kidnap for the Cathedral service any apt and meet children in any place in England or in Wales. Last August we published an extract from the Star Chamber proceedings showing how the choir in the Chapel Royal was recruited. It may be remarked that occasionally a wealthy citizen left a sum of money by will for the maintenance of a chorister in some City church, who should be known as the testator's chorister. Thus Henry Frowyk, a mercer and alderman, bequeathed to the house or hospital of St. Thomas de Acon (afterwards the chapel of the Mercers of London) an annual quitrent of ten marks, on condition that the master of the said house should maintain and educate two boys as choristers ("choristas sive Para-phonistas"), the said boys to be chosen for their good character and voices, and not

from any scandalous motive ("absque omni carnali affeccione"). One of them was to be known as "Frowykes Querester" and the other as "Oliveres Querester," a William Olyver having made a similar bequest. An organist was frequently a lay clerk, and this official was also provided sometimes in City churches by the munificence of rich citizens; for we find Sir Hugh Brice, an alderman of the City, leaving his tenement called "The Cardinals Hatte" to the rector and churchwardens of the church of St. Mary Wolnoth, charged, among other things, with providing "a clerk, a man of goode and honest conversacion, beyng expert and connyng in the craft and science of syngyng, playing at organs, and techyng of children." The clerk was moreover to keep a school and instruct such children as he could get or as should be sent to him to sing their "playne song and pryked song," as well as attend mass regularly. Dr. Simpson half promises another volume of "gleanings" in the near future, and this we shall look forward to with interest.

#### NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

A Reputed Changeling. By C. M. Yonge. 2 vols. (Macmillan & Co.) The Luck of the House. By Adeline Ser-

geant. 2 vols. (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.)

The Master of Ballantrae. By R. L. Steven-

son. (Cassell & Co.)
The Touch of a Vanished Hand. By Francis Arthur. (Remington & Co.)

THE novel of domestic life, when the scene is laid in a bygone age, is not an easy thing to manage. It has not the advantage possessed by the "costume piece" on the stage: the many-coloured clothes of picturesque cut, the gallantry of swords and snuffboxes, and all that appeals to the eye, have to be taken for granted; while many readers find it difficult to feel an interest where they have an uneasy suspicion that they are being taught history under a thin disguise. Indeed, for an author to succeed in this line two requirements must be fulfilled. In the first place, he must know the history of his period so well that he shall not have to go out of his way to display his knowledge of it; secondly, he must be imbued with the great truth that human nature in all ages remains much the same. These qualifications Miss Yonge possesses as fully as any writer of our time; and she has the further gift, which all writers of historical fiction (in which we include some which is published in other forms than crown octavo, and at other prices than half-a-guinea a volume) should possess, of realizing that, whatever her own preferences may be, good people may have taken opposite sides in the world's affairs in former times, no less than they do now. Equipped with these advantages, she has only to go to her own inexhaustible stores of invention to write a pleasant story, of which the first scene is laid in the later days of Charles II. The belief in maleficent fairies had not then died out in the rural parts of Hampshire; and the lot of a boy, born the child of a strict Puritan family, and marked off from his kin by physical and mental difference, offers endless opportunities to the novelist. We do not propose to follow poor Peregrine through

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his rough fortunes. Those who do, if they have any taste for a brightly written and ingeniously (perhaps here and there a little too ingeniously) constructed story, will not regret it. As an instance of the quality which we have demanded for a story of the kind, namely, familiarity with the history of the time, we may call attention to the little touch in a scene of a trial at Winchester, where the court is thronged by the county gentry, and a word or two is spoken by "old Mr. Cromwell of Hursley." How many people, in picturing a scene of this kind in the last decade of the seventeenth century, would have realized that among the company present would almost certainly have been the last Lord Protector?

'The Luck of the House' is somewhat loosely constructed, but it improves in all respects as it proceeds. As might be expected from the author, it is brightly written and contains some clever character sketches, effective outlines only, too wanting in substance and detail to rise to the rank of studies. Lady Val, with her exuberant vitality and generous nature, is certainly the happiest of them, though her undesirable friend Jack Hannington is only second to her in literary merit. The other characters are, for the most part, shadowy compared to these lifelike "impressions." Stella Raeburn's injudicious conduct in reserving from her husband all knowledge of her former engagement is obviously of great importance to the story. It is otherwise an inexplicable proceeding on the part of one who is intended to be "fulfilléd of all vertue and honoure." Her wayward and headstrong stepdaughter Molly is more successful in enlisting the sympathies of the reader, who cannot do otherwise than follow with interest the course of the misfortunes brought upon her by her own rashness and folly, and rejoice over the happiness which promises, after all, to await her in the end. Ralph Kingscott, the villain of the book, is scarcely more probable or lifelike than are most of his kind in English novels, wherein a true and likely villain is a rare acquaintance indeed; even scarcer, in fact, than are natural and attractive young girls in French fiction. On the whole, 'The Luck of the House' is a successful and interesting story, and might, like so many other English novels, rise to a considerably higher level if the writer regarded her occupation as one which required the same serious and unremitting application, the same travail of the intellect, as any other branch of study or scientific inquiry.

In 'The Master of Ballantrae' Mr. Stevenson has returned to that style of composition which first won for him an immense popularity. The story fully deserves to take a place beside 'Treasure Island' and 'Kidnapped' in point of interest as a tale of incident and adventure, and it may fairly claim to have other and perhaps higher merits in regard to imaginative power and depth of characterization. Among the many different classes of Mr. Stevenson's admirers there are undoubtedly some who will look for and miss his peculiar humour and that whimsical fancy and surprising drollery in which he has shown, perhaps, his greatest gift of originality; but for all that there is plenty of matter for admiration in the extraordinary vigour and terseness of the narrative in its

most exciting passages, and in the striking brilliancy with which the deeper human interest of a situation is revealed. The exacting critic may point out, as has been observed of Mr. Stevenson's work on other occasions, that the earlier part of the story is superior to the rest. His great gift lies in the power of inventing and thoroughly grasping all the possibilities of his original and ingenious design, and while he is working at the full presentation of his thought he is at his best; but 'The Master of Ballantrae' shows that his energy begins to flag at the point where success has been made certain, and yet a stop is impossible. The second return of the Master is the place at which one cannot help wishing that the story had been otherwise contrived. Here a fresh start has to be made, and for a while the reader's attention is not given without an effort. The author's skill and resource soon plunge one again into exciting adventures; but the fascination of the first part of the book does not return, and the end is reached without regret. The period of the story is the middle of the last century, and the narrative is supposed to be contemporary. The literary style cannot but be admired; the use of a piece of American slang-"balance" in the sense of "remainder"-is conspicuous as a solitary slip in diction.

Mr. Arthur's tale is dedicated "to Marie Corelli," possibly because its central situation recalls rather forcibly the situation of one of Miss Corelli's stories. The "vanished hand" referred to in the title (which is violently twisted from the original sense of the phrase) belongs to a man who is murdered in the prologue; and whether it reappears as a ghostly member or as real flesh and blood need not here be divulged. At any rate, its owner is on the murderer's track all through the story, and visits him with a dire revenge. Mr. Arthur writes fairly well, but his conceptions have an air of crudity which may be due to youth or to inexperience as an author, or to both.

#### SCHOOL-BOOKS.

Clarendon Press Series. - Scott: Marmion. Edited, with Introduction and Notes, by Thomas Bayne. (Oxford, University Press.)—The notes in Mr. Bayne's edition of 'Marmion' are in a great measure derived from Scott's own and Lockhart's life. They do not so much explain the grammatical construction and meaning of the text as furnish historical and other information necessary to a right understanding of the numerous allusions, interesting particulars in connexion with the composition of certain passages, critical observations, and quotations from other poets in which similar sentiments to Scott's are expressed. Hence the work is adapted for general readers rather than young students preparing for examination. At the same time there can be no question that both classes may derive advantage from its use.

Grammar of the French Language of Business. With Reading Lessons and Exercises. Being an Introduction to Mercantile Correspondence. Edited from the German of Dr. Rudolf Thum, with Additions, by Edward E. Whitfield, M.A. (Hachette & Co.)-Concise French Commercial Reader. Being a Sequel to 'Grammar of the French Language of Business.' By Edward E. Whitfield, M.A. (Same publishers.)—The special distinction of Mr. Whitfield's works is their commercial character and their adaptation to serve as a preparation for a business career. The exercises for translation both ways are composed of commercial matter expressed

in words and phrases that are constantly required in business. Mr. Whitfield is right in cautioning readers against the delusion of imagining that it is an easy thing, requiring little time, for average persons to acquire an accurate knowledge and perfect command of a foreign language, and in impressing upon them the necessity of constant and careful study. His adoption of literal interlinear translation, on what is called the Hamiltonian system, is open to question, as are also his innovations in the to question, as are also his innovations in the conjugation of verbs; still, his grammar, if thoroughly mastered, will answer the special purpose for which it is intended. The 'Commercial Reader' consists of passages in French on political economy, mercantile law, and industrial enterprise, derived from scientific works, trade journals, and histories.

German Grammatical Reader. By A. Lechner and J. Schrammen. (Rivingtons.) This grammatical reader, the composition of two Germans, is prepared with considerable care. The extracts are suitable to the purpose in view, and an attempt has been made to distinguish the parts of speech by the use of black type. The main objection to the book is that it is too long. A hundred pages of extracts of the kind supplied would have been ample. Some of the explanations given in the vocabulary are odd, and indicate a defective knowledge of English on the part of the compilers: "Ce'ntgraf.....a count placed over 100 districts." "Centu'rie.....one of the 193 orders of the Romans under Servius Tullius." "Cu'rie ..... the name of the ten divisions into which a tribe was divided by the constitution of Romulus." What will head masters say to this introduction of bad Roman antiquities into the teaching of good German? Again, does "Weltstadt" mean "metropolis," and is "Christianism" good English?

Clarendon Press Series. - Chamisso: Peter Schlemihl's Wundersame Geschichte. Edited by E. S. Buchheim. (Oxford, University Press.)

—In choosing the delightful masterpiece of the ablest Frenchman who has written in German the Delegates of the "Oxford Locals" have been better inspired than their Cambridge brethren usually are in the selection of German authors - the tale has an altogether un-German sprightliness about it—and in Miss Buchheim they have found a competent editor who has put her notes together with something of hereditary skill.

Edmond About: Récits et Nouvelles. Edited, with Preface, Explanatory Notes, and Vocabulary, by A. R. Huguenet. (Hachette & Co.)—The five stories in this volume, taken from About's 'Souvenirs et Nouvelles,' are of varied character and degrees of interest, rich in modern French idiom, and pervaded by a right tone of sentiment. All such difficulties as would, without explanation, prevent most young readers from rightly understanding the text, are cleared away in the notes, which contain excellent idiomatic English equivalents of the French idioms, and correctly explain the various allusions to places, persons, and customs.

Macmillan's Greek Course .- Easy Exercises in Greek Accidence. By H. G. Underhill, M.A. (Macmillan & Co.)—It would not be difficult to improve upon this exercise book. The first vocabulary contains no example of such a form as βασίλεια, and very little practice is afforded in the declension of adjectives and participles with consonantal stems. The examples seem irksome and often silly, owing to the fewness of the verbs. The incessant repetition-a salient feature of the work-must have made the compilation a very light task, but it renders the exercises, on the whole, too easy.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

THE greater number of the essays contained in Mr. Coventry Patmore's volume Principles in Art (Bell & Sons) were published in the St. James's Gazette while Mr. Greenwood was edit-

ing that journal. Readers of all degrees of intelligence and attainment will find in them clear and consistent views tersely expressed abundant knowledge, and evidence of a rare capacity for referring the incidents and accidents of the subjects to those principles which conof the subjects to those principles which con-cern us most not only in art, but in that uni-versal knowledge of which art is but one form of expression. Mr. Patmore has taken for his subjects not only painting, sculpture, and archi-tecture, but the art poetic of Keats, Shelley, Ros-setti, Emerson, and Mr. Swinburne. We may not accept all his conclusions, but no one will fail to respect his strong judgment, and the inherent sincerity of his views, as well as his clear recog-nition of the immutable principles which make art what it is. These qualities distinguish every one of the essays before us. How the reputations of some of the writers named are likely to stand the tests which the "eternal veracities" supply, the reader of the essays may form some Time has so effectually confirmed what is said of Emerson that we think it was hardly worth Mr. Patmore's while to treat the subject at all, unless as part of a scheme of criticism directed to the "thought and belief—if belief it can be called-which an immense number of the young, intelligent, and sincere of the past and present generation have been endeavouring to follow." There is much humour and all that There is much humour and all that charity of judgment which the artist's life required in the paper on Blake.

Rough Shooting, by Mr. T. E. Kebbel (Sonnenschein & Co.), is another of those little works resulting from a series of articles that have from time to time appeared in papers and magazines, and been put together in book form by their author. The book is not calculated to instruct the young sportsman in the art of bagging the different birds the shooting of which is described. In fact 'Rough Shooting' chiefly contains Mr. Kebbel's views on social questions with a great deal of unnecessary description of scenery and many quotations. There is nothing new in the volume-nothing, in short, that has not been time out of mind discussed by sportsmen past and present; and though the articles of which it consists may have read well enough in the periodicals in which they first appeared, we confess we hardly see what interest they can arouse in their present form, any more than the hundreds of hastily written sketches constantly appearing in our sporting papers, which, though pleasant to peruse in an idle moment, possess no lasting interest.

WE have received from Messrs. Allen & Co. We have received from Messrs. Alien & Co. Sir John Login and Duleep Singh, a life of the East India Company's Scotch surgeon, written by his widow, which runs into a life of the eccentric maharajah for many years looked after by him. Login's life would, from the nature of his early service in Persia, Afghanistan, and Baluchistan, have been worth writing, were sufficient material for it in existence which seems not to be the case. The ence, which seems not to be the case. The grievance of Duleep Singh against the India Company, and afterwards the India Office, and the wishes of his son to obtain a good income from the latter, are probably not of any great interest to our readers. The bulky volume before us ends with the significant words: "If no excuse can be found for him, are the children to suffer for the sins of the father?" We believe that one of these "children" is an officer in a smart regiment of British cavalry, and find little in Lady Login's work to cause us to suppose that any of them are "suffering." There are scattered about here and there in the book a few letters which will interest the admirers of the late Mr. Bright, and we note a passage in which Lady Login describes his visit to a church in Rome to hear the present Cardinal Manning preach on the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

We have to thank Messrs. Bell & Sons for a

new edition of Arthur Young's Travels in France, a book which had become scarce, and of which the original editions sell at the price of several pounds apiece. A new edition was greatly needed, and the notes appended to this one by Miss Betham-Edwards are excellent. Arthur Young's most interesting picture of the France of the last century is marred by his truly agricultural indifference to all scenery that does not carry the conviction of fertility to his eye. The landscape about St. Raphael du Var, for example, which people nowadays think beautiful, he considers to be a mere view of bare rocks and of plains covered by those odoriferous evergreens which continually excite his rage in Provence and in Italy.

THE obvious objection to the Ballads of the Brave, which Mr. Langbridge has edited and Messrs. Methuen have published, is that it contains a great deal that ought not to be called ballad at all. However, Mr. Langbridge's main object is to produce a volume that will please boys, and in this he has probably succeeded. They will not be critical; but really a good deal of what is printed in this book is poor stuff.

Mr. H. M. Doughty no doubt had a pleasant trip when he and his daughters sailed through the Netherlands in a Norfolk wherry, but it may be questioned whether he was right in printing under the title of Friesland Meres (Low & Co.) "little more than a transcript of the writer's log." Mr. Doughty is obviously a man of education and taste, and one cannot read his volume without conceiving a liking for him: still it is not enough for a writer to be personally intelligent and agreeable; he must take trouble and pains if he wishes to make his volume readable. As it is, most people will find this book decidedly dry. The best thing in find this book decidedly dry. The best thing in it is an account of the Dolls' House at Utrecht, taken from one of the young ladies' letters. The pen-and-ink sketches are unpretentious, and some of them are clever. It is unlucky that one of the worst should figure as the frontispiece, and that the cover should be so hideously

MESSRS. HATCHARD deserve great credit for the improvement effected in the illustrations of Atalanta. The frontispiece in colours, by Messrs. Boussod & Valadon after Bastien Lepage's picture 'Going to School,' is capital; and the woodcuts generally are excellent, although from an educational point of view it is perhaps as well not to encourage even in a fairy tale the idea that a mediæval baron walked about habitually in heavy armour. The letterpress, too, is excellent, and the volume should prove a delightful present to any girl with a taste for reading.—We have received the second volume for 1889 of St. Nicholas from Mr. Fisher Unwin. We have often before praised this periodical for the cleverness of the illustrations and the variety of the letterpress, and these qualities are conspicuous still.— Somewhat owing to the example of St. Nicholas, we suspect, The Rosebud Annual (Clarke & Co.) has made a conspicuous advance. The illustrations are decidedly better than they were, and the letterpress also deserves praise. This annual is well adapted for younger children than those for whom St. Nicholas chiefly caters. It will amuse them greatly.

MR. BOURNE'S Handy Assurance Manual offers a great deal of information for a shilling.

A NUMBER of Letts's Scribbling and Rough Diaries have been sent to us by Messrs. Cassell. They are, we need hardly say, excellently adapted to the exigencies of office use.

We have on our table Brean Down: Festivals and Events of 2,000 Years, by Silver Spur (Groom),—Summer in Broadland, by the author of 'Friesland Meres' (Jarrold & Sons),—Illustrated Europe: the Mont Pilatus Railway, by J. Hardmeyer (Zurich, Orell, Füssli & Co.), —English Culture in Virginia, by W. P. Trent (Baltimore, U.S., Murray), — The Sacrifice of Education to Examination, edited by A. Herbert (Williams & Norgate).—The St. Andrews University Calendar for 1889-90 (Blackwood),—The Mason Science College, Birmingham, Syllabus of Day Classes, 1889-90 (Birmingham, the College),—The Antiquary, Vol. XIX. (Stock),—Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, New Series, Vol. IV. (Longmans),—Lectures, Legal, Political, and Historical by A. Robertson (Stevens & Haynes),—Mining Royalties and their Effect on the Iron and Coal Trades: Report of an Inquiry made for the Toynbee Trus-Report of an Inquiry made for the Toynbee Trustees, by W. R. Sorley (Frowde),—Laundry Management, by the editor of 'The Laundry Journal' (Lockwood), -Catalogue of Ship Models and Marine Engineering in the South Kensington Museum (Eyre & Spottiswoode),—The Pre-Raphaelite Movement, by K. Parkes (Reeves & Turner),—A Manual of Home Nursing, by Louisa E. Dobrée (Sonnenschein),—Roland Oliver, by J. McCarthy, M.P. (Blackett & Hallam),—Jacqueline, by L. E. Weeks (Jarrold & Sons),—The Piccadilly Puzzle, by F. Hume (White & Co.),—A Masque of Honor, a Saratoga Romance, by Caroline W. Rockwood (Funk & Wagnalls),—The Vengeance of Maurice Denalguez, by Selina Dolaro (Drane),—The Kara Yerta Tragedy, by J. E. Harrison (Scott),—His Other Self, by E. J. Goodman (Ward & Downey),—Tempted, by Margaret M. Black (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier),—The Humours of Paris, by J. O'Gallighan (The Hansom Cab Publishing Co.),—Three Men in a Boat, by J. K. Jerome (Bristol, Arrowsmith),—The Adventures of Mr. Timothy Home. and Marine Engineering in the South Kensingsmith),—The Adventures of Mr. Timothy Homespun in Switzerland, by Frances A. Kemble (Bentley),—Lays of Middle Age, and other Poems, by J. Hedderwick (Blackwood),—Into all the World (Griffith & Farran),—Words in Season to Working Women, by Austin Clare (Masters),—Lessons from the Best of Books, the Crucifix (Dublin, Gill),—The Ancient and Modern Library of Theological Literature: The History of Infant Baptism, by W. Wall, Vol. II. (Griffith & Farran),—The Fallen Woman, and other Sermons, by the Rev. J. E. Foster (Digby & Long),—Joyful Years, translated from the Latin of Lohner (Masters),—and L'Éducation Athénienne au V. et au IV. Siècle avant J.-C., by P. Girard (Paris, Hachette).

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THE ANCESTRY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Most people who have friends on the other side of the Atlantic, or who are at all conversant with the tastes and pursuits of our kindred in the United States, must be aware that the Americans have quite a passion for making out their descent from English forefathers, and tracing their pedigrees back to a remote past. The result has been that a certain number of ingenious pedigrees have been constructed, at a considerable cost to those who wanted them, which have sometimes brought ridicule and confusion of face to the worthy gentlemen who lessly taken to pieces by experts. Yankees are not slow to learn a lesson, and are not likely to go on being taken in, and it may safely be said that, within certain limits of research, there are no better genealogists now to be found than among our American cousins-that is, genealogists more laborious, enthusiastic, acute, and severely critical—men less inclined to jump at conclusions, or to be satisfied with anything short of absolute proof. It was not always so.

It seems that when George Washington was declared first President of the United States in April, 1789, he or his kindred were, very naturally, anxious to discover all that could be discovered about their English forefathers. It was perfectly well known that John Washington, the great-grandfather of the first President, had emigrated to Virginia about the year 1657, and with him had come his brother Lawrence, the two men being then respectively about twentythree and twenty-two years of age. But where did they come from? Who were they? As nobody in America could answer these questions, an application seems to have been made to the Heralds' College, and Sir Isaac Heard, Garter King of Arms in 1791, set himself to deal with the problem and to construct a Washington pedigree. In the slapdash fashion of those days the thing was soon brought to a happy conclu-sion, and the brothers John and Lawrence Washington were declared to have been the sons of Lawrence Washington, of Sulgrave in the county of Northampton, who had died in 1616. To do only common justice to Sir Isaac Heard, it should be said that he gave forth this pedigree with some little-some very little-misgiving as to its certainty. Other people of importance were, however, perfectly satisfied with Heard's results; and among others George Baker, the historian of Northamptonshire, accepted them as conclusive, and made a pretty little addition thereto.

In 1866, however, Heard's theory was demolished by Col. Chester, who showed that Heard's John Washington was Sir John Washington of Thrapston, of whom a great deal may be known, and that Heard's Lawrence Washington was a clergyman and certainly not the emigrant. Moreover, it was quite certain that Heard's two men would have been a great deal too old to emigrate in 1657. Heard's pedigree therefore was "blown into the air." Col. Chester himself tried to make out the descent, and spent years upon it; but he died in 1882 without being able to satisfy himself, and the Washington pedigree seemed as far from being made out as ever. It was at this point that Mr. Henry F. Waters, of Hartford, Connecticut, entered upon the task. A most patient and cautious student, with almost superhuman powers of work and of great simplicity and earnestness of character, he had been sent over by a society of gentlemen in had been sent over by a society of gentlemen in New England to pursue certain researches for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and it was while carrying on this work that he came upon his first clue. Lawrence Washington, the younger of the two emigrants, had died in January, 1677, and had left a will behind him, which was duly proved in Virginia; but he had property in England too, and letters of administration were taken out in May, 1677, on this property, and Mr. Waters came upon the document which recorded the fact. This was enough ment which recorded the fact. This was enough for so practised a genealogist. Step by step he made his footing surer until he had traced back the ancestry of the great American patriot through ten generations, discovered the alliances which the heads of the house and its prominent members had entered into from time to time, and made it quite clear that there was no lack of illustrious blood in the veins of the two brothers who emigrated to Virginia in 1657

Not the least curious part of this story, which, as Mr. Waters tells it in his communication to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, reads like a real romance—an actually exciting hunt for big game—is that Sir Isaac Heard was so very nearly being right a century ago, and only missed the honour of solving the Washington problem by dropping out a single generation.
The very Lawrence Washington whom Heard and Baker took to be one of the two emigrants was really the father of them both. He was a distinguished Oxford man, obtained the living of Purleigh in 1633, was ejected from it for his loyalty to the king ten years later, and died about 1655—clearly a man of substance whose children were not without ample means. It is to be hoped that Mr. Waters's essay will be published in a form accessible to the general public. It is far too valuable and far too interesting a monograph to be buried in the proceedings of a local society and to be printed in its present hideous and repulsive type. The pedigree will delight Mr. Francis Galton, and cannot but help to confirm largely his theories on the laws of hereditary genius; and America may be excused for feeling some pride and satisfaction that so worthy a descent has been so triumphantly made out for the man to whom she owes so great a debt of gratitude, and that, too, exactly in the hundredth year after he was nominated first President of the United States. AUGUSTUS JESSOPP.

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Johnson, Charles, dramatist, 1679-1743
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Wells, 1808-31
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Johnson, Sir Henry, Bart., G.C.B., general, 1748-1835
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Johnson, Isaac, antiquarian draftsman, fl. 1816
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Johnston, John, poet and astronomer, 1856
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1733-1816
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Johnstone, Rev. James, M.D., physician, 174-83
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Joliffe, George, M.D., anatomist, 1655*
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Jollie, Thomas, Nonconformist divine, 1629-1703
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Jolliffe, William George Hylton, Lord Hylton, 1800-76
Jolly, Alexander, D.D., Bishop of Moray, 1756-1838
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Jones, Avonia, actress, 1807
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Jorden, Edward, M.D., physician and chemist, 1570-1633
Jorse or Joyce, Walter de, Archbishop of Armagh, fl. 1311
Jortin, John, D.D., divine, critic, and biographer, 1698-1770
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Joscelyn, John, M.A., secretary to Archbishop Parker, 1603

Joseph of Exeter, or Josephus Iscanus, Latin poet, 12th

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Joseph, George Francis, A.R.A., painter, 1764-1846
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Junius, Francis, philologist, 1589-1677
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Justus, St., Archbishop of Canterbury, 827
Justyne, Percy William, book illustrator, 1813-83
Jusum, Henry, landscape painter, 1816-69
Juzon, William, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1582-1865
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I EXTREMELY regret that a slight misunder-standing should have betrayed me into an error

of procedure which I deeply deplore.
The inadvertence of which Mr. Jackson complains can be easily explained. I had sent an advance proof of the prospectus, accompanied by a letter, to Mr. Jackson's address in the country, and a duplicate proof, with postcard, to his address on the Continent. Of these, the card, I learn, alone reached him, and without the proof prospectus. Believing that I had good grounds for counting on his co-operation, I sent out the first issue of the prospectus with a statement to that effect. For this unfortunate circumstance the failure of the continental bookpost is mainly, it will be seen, responsible.

As my proposed work on the pedigrees of the North-country families has not yet been advertised or even announced in the press, Mr. Jackson is premature, I am glad to say, in assuming that my mention of his assistance has obtained wide publicity; and if your readers will refer to

of England and Wales, by the late Llewellynn Jewitt, edited, with large additions, by Mr. W. H. St. John Hope,—'The Microscope in the Brewery and Malt-House,' by Mr. C. G. Matthews and Mr. F. E. Lott,—'Flower-Land: Matthews and Mr. F. E. Lott,—'Flower-Land: an Introduction to Botany,' with 150 illustrations, by Mr. Robert Fisher,—new editions of Shorthose's Commercial Ready-Reckoner' and of 'Panoramic Guide to the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway,'—the volumes for 1889 of the Ladies' Treasury and Christian Progress,— Kate Eyre; 'The Red Hill Mystery,' by Kate Wood; and 'The Cold Heart,' from the German of Wilhelm Hauff, by Agnes Henry,—also 'The Experiences of Richard Jones,' a story of school life, by J. Jones,—'Desborough Hold,' a story for boys, by an Old Boy,—'The Knight of the Golden Key, and other Stories,' by Mrs. S. D. Wilson,—'Pen and Ink Sketches, from Naples to the North Cape,' by E. A. Richings,—'Arrows shot at a Venture,' a volume of sermons, by the Rev. B. S. Berrington, B.A.,—'A Fallen Woman, and other Sermons,' by the Rev. J. E. Foster,— and 'Idonea, a Poem,' by Mr. E. W. Bewley.

SOME MISSING POEMS OF SIR JOHN BEAUMONT. In Dr. Grosart's Introduction to his edition of the poems of Sir John Beaumont (in the "Fuller Worthies Library," 1869) he notes the curious bibliographical fact connected with the volume of 1629, on which volume our knowledge of nearly all Sir John's poems depends, viz., that one leaf (pp. 181-2) has been cut out of every known copy of that edition, obviously with the purpose of cancelling the poems contained on it. Fortunately a clue has been left for the discovery of the missing poems. In one of the copies in the British Museum the leaf has been so clumsily cut out as to leave the initial letters of most of the lines on one page; and the same is the case, to a much smaller extent, with a copy in the Bodleian. Dr. Grosart prints these initial letters in his Introduction (p. lxiii); and by this means the lost poems, by a fortunate accident, have been discovered and identified. Among the Stowe collection of MSS., which came into the British Museum from the Ashburnham Library, is a paper volume of fourteen leaves containing manuscript poems by Sir John Beaumont. It is not by any means a complete collection of his works, but it contains two poems that are not given in Dr. Grosart's edition. One of these, entitled On the death of many good People slaine by the fall of a floore att a Catholike Sermon in Black Friers,' is unquestionably one of the missing poems, as its initial letters agree with those preserved in the printed copy mentioned above. The other is a poem 'Of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady,' and this is in all probability the poem which was contained on the other side of the cancelled leaf; and it may fairly be conjectured that the reason for the cancelling was the leaning shown in both these poems to the Roman Catholic religion. It was probably thought that it would give offence in some quarters, and

accordingly the leaf was cancelled after the edition had been printed off.

The following are the poems which have been thus restored to our author. The spelling of the MS. is preserved:—

ON THE DEATH OF MANY GOOD PEOPLE, &c. (vid. supra).

Mann hath no fast defence, noe place of rest
Betweene the earthe and mansyon of the blest.

Rayse him on high, yet still he downward fails;
Depressing death our heavy Bodyes calls

To his low caves: no soule can pierce the skyes,
But first the ffleshe must sincke with hope to ryse.

See here the Trophees of that rig'rous hand

Whose force no wordlie [sic] mixture cann withstand:

ffor yt united Elements devids

And parts their frendly league to different sides.

In this most dolefull picture wee display

The gen'rall ruine on the iudgement day.

Thrice happy they whom that last hower shall fynd

Boe cleerely watching in such ready mynde.

As was this blessed flocke whoe fyld their cares

With plous Counsells and their eyes with Teares;

Whose harts were ravisht with a sacred Bell

And heav'nly Trumpett when the chamber fell.

And that the preacher's wordes might more prevaile

When he discribes this Life unsure and frayle

God by his death would confirmacon give

To make impressyon on our brests that live.

Rest safe, deare Saynts, and may this flur'anl songe

Become a charme to ev'ry Serpent's Tonge.

OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY.

Whoe is shee that assends so high Next the heavenlye Kinge, Round about whome Angelis flie And her prayses singe?

Whoe is shee that, adorned wth light, Makes the sunne her Robe, At whose feete the Queene of night Layes her changing globe? To that Crowne direct thine eye
Which her heade attyres;
There thou mayst her name discrie
Wrytt in starry fires.

This is shee in whose pure womb e Heav'ns Prince remain'd; Therefore in no earthly Tombe Cann shee be contayned.

Heaven shee was web held that fire Whence the world tooke light, And to heav'n doth now aspire, fflames wth filames to unite.

Shee that did soe clearely shyne When our day begunne, See how bright her beames decline Nowe shee sytts wth the sunne.

While on the subject of Sir John Beaumont, it may be mentioned that the British Museum lately came into possession of a MS. poem entitled 'The Crowne of Thornes.' Unfortunately there is strong internal evidence that this is not the missing poem by Sir John Beaumont which bore that title.

F. G. Kenyon.

#### THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

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DURING the reading of a paper On the Free Library Movement in London, as given in last week's Athenaum, reference was made to the number of parishes within the boundaries of the metropolis. The reader of the paper gave the number of parishes as thirty-nine, and Mr. H. Jones, librarian of the Kensington Free Library, quoting from the second edition of Free Public Libraries, gave the number of parishes asseventy-nine. My figures are taken from an annual return made to the House of Commons. There has been some readjustment in the parishes, and the number given in the last return is sixty-seven.

I do not desire to be captious, but may point out that Brentford, Bedford, Altrincham, and Leominster have adopted the Public Libraries Acts in addition to the places mentioned in the secretary's report. The entire number of places which have adopted the Acts is not 180, but 190. In 1886, when the first edition of 'Free Public Libraries' was published, the number stood at 133.

THOMAS GREENWOOD.

\*\*\* We have received a letter from Mr. Jones saying he gave the number as sixty-nine.

#### THE DEPUTY-KEEPER'S REPORT.

IF the Jubilee of the Public Record Office has not received any striking commemoration in the latest Blue-book, it is, perhaps, due to the absence of any necessity for a sensational dis-play of its activity in the interests of the literary public. The evidence of the official returns printed here sufficiently proves that the work of the several departments has steadily increased during the last ten years, though the 40,000 documents produced in the three search rooms by no means represent the entire employment of the staff. Besides the six important Calendars of State Papers, foreign and domestic, in active progress, there are twice that number of calendars or descriptive catalogues of ancient records in The issue of several of these, preparation. however, will be unavoidably delayed, owing to the magnitude of the tasks imposed upon their editors; and seeing how much inconvenience has been caused in the past from the faulty office calendars of the last century, few will grudge this extension of time. Therefore the only record catalogue contained in the appendix to the present Report, with the exception of Mr. Bliss's always interesting account of a year's work among the Vatican archives, is the conclusion of the late Mr. Haydon's masterly Calendar of Patent Rolls, this being for the

ninth year of Edward I.

In this year we witness the further development of the struggle between the Crown and the subjects which was destined to produce the great constitutional crisis of 1297. Here, as elsewhere throughout this contest, we find the king, hard pressed for money through the exi-

gencies of foreign war, resorting to unconstitutional means of taxation, which were opposed by the Church at first in its own defence, and afterwards in the greater interests of the commonalty. There are several valuable en-tries in this roll relating to the Council at Lambeth, which confirm in every particular the version of the proceedings given in the Annals of Osney. But the chief political interest of this year-roll consists in tracing the various expedients for augmenting the peace establishment of the revenue. Naturally the Lombard merchants and the Jews figure frequently in these membranes, the former as active and the latter as passive agents for the royal exactions. Here too, as in former years, the local mints or exchanges were utilized as treasuries for the supply of the central Pay Office in the Wardrobe. Licences to impark forest land are a noticeable feature of this roll. In a typical case, that of Reginald de Ginges (in which the point is missed by the editor), licence was actually conceded in the face of the finding of a local jury that such enclosure would be to the damage of the king's venison, and a fishstew was thrown into the grant which had never been mentioned in the original inquisition. Of the same character are the frequent licences to the same character are the frequent herees to hunt the wolf, the fox, and the hare, with a gracious saving clause for the grantee's exonera-tion in case his hounds should pull down a stag by "breaking their leashes." Of course, this un-wonted condescension of the Crown was not disinterested, though in the midst of a second Welsh war it might be both politic and inexpensive to issue commissions to inquire into and punish the trespasses of poachers upon the domains of great nobles like the Earls Warenne and Bigod, or by repressing the piracies of the men of Zeeland to satisfy the frequent complaints of the merchants of England.

Amongst many other interesting notices contained in this admirable work there are numerous entries relative to the assignment of dower for the Queen Dowager, Eleanor of Provence, who seems to have been very handsomely provided for, and others from which it would appear that the interference of the Crown in the public interest for the removal of weirs in such rivers as the Thames, Medway, and Severn was not merely, as is often asserted, for regulating the traffic thereon, but was here at least designed for the preservation of the fry of fishes from wholesale destruction. It may, perhaps, be permitted to take exception to the somewhat stiff and hypertechnical rendering of many of these entries, which renders them less interesting and intelligible than in the case of some previous instalments. Moreover, the principle adopted is by no means consistent, and we find vicarium sometimes rendered as "vivary" and at other times as "stew," while accepted titles such as "the Judaism" and "brewster" are softened into "the Jewry" and "breweress" respectively. It is a matter of some comment amongst record scholars that there is a growing spirit of pedantic hesitancy abroad, and we will venture still further totrust that the work of the Public Record Officemay never be infected with a vice that must prove fatal to the sympathy and inspiration which are essential to the success of every form of translation.

#### Literary Gossip.

Mr. GLADSTONE will be among the contributors to Good Words next year, the title of his article being 'The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture.'

Mr. Swinburne has written for the Fortnightly Review a critical article upon the works of the late Mr. Wilkie Collins. It will appear in November.

A PORTRAIT of Mrs. Browning in her childhood has been lent by Mr. Browning

to Messrs. Smith & Elder to be reproduced in the new edition of her works.

THE six professors of University and King's Colleges appointed to consider the claims of the candidates for the head-mastership of the City of London School meet to-day to select three names which will be submitted to the Corporation.

A NEW serial story by Mr. James Payn, entitled 'The Word and the Will,' will commence in the Christmas number of *Tit-Bits*.

We learn from a Cambridge correspondent that Trinity College has recognized the value of Mr. Edmund Gosse's work during the past five years as Clark Lecturer by admitting him to permanent membership of the society.

Under the title of 'Free Trade in Capital,' Messrs. Remington & Co. will shortly publish a volume by Mr. Egmont Hake and the Swedish economist Mr. O. E. Wesslau, who endeavour to establish in their work that the extension of free trade to banking would bring about close co-operation between capital and labour.

THE Library Committee of the Corporation has asked Dr. Sharpe to write the history it proposes to print of the part taken by the City in the public affairs of the kingdom.

In 'The Constitutional Documents of the Puritan Revolution,' shortly to be issued by the Clarendon Press, Mr. S. R. Gardiner will print, together with many well-known State Papers, four hitherto unpublished documents: 1. The Bill of the House of Lords on Church Reform in 1641. 2. A proposal for a compromise between Charles I. and the English and Scottish Presbyterians, made in January, 1647, and forming the basis of the alliance which made the second Civil War possible. 3. The Engagement between Charles I. and the Scottish Commissioners in December, 1647. 4. The Constitutional Bill of the first Protectorate Parliament. The last of these is taken from the MSS. of John Browne, Clerk of the Parliaments, now in the possession of Lord Braye, at Stanford Hall, who has kindly given permission for its publication. Its historical importance is very great, as it gives us for the first time the full text of this scheme, and thus enables us to form a judgment on the conduct of Cromwell in forcing on a dissolution, and converting what might have been a constitutional into an absolute govern-

THE death is announced of Mr. John Edwards, late secretary of the Public Record Office. Mr. Edwards was almost unknown outside the department in which he served for half a century, but his close association in official work with successive Deputy-Keepers of the Records, notably with Sir Francis Palgrave and Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, gives him a claim for notice among others of greater reputation who have helped to render the historical treasures of the Office accessible.

A HISTORY of Dulwich, by Mr. William Young, one of the Governors of Dulwich College, will shortly be published by Mr. T. B. Bumpus, of 2, George Yard. The work, which will be profusely illustrated, will consist of two volumes, the first of which will contain the history of the hamlet

of Dulwich and of Dulwich College from its foundation down to the present day; and the second the life of Edward Alleyn, the founder of the college, with extracts from his diary, &c., together with biographical notices of the various masters and wardens of the college, including one of the well-known John Allen, of Holland House fame.

It is greatly to be hoped that the heavy loss sustained by the Pipe Roll Society in the death of its hon. treasurer, the late Mr. Walford Selby, may not be allowed to injure the prospects of a work which he did so much to promote, and in which he took so keen an interest. The deplorable condition of the membranes at present in too many of these venerable rolls must be apparent to every searcher, and as little time as possible should be allowed to elapse before their contents are committed to print, or at least transcribed.

THE next volume of the "Camelot Series" will be Charlotte Brontë's 'Jane Eyre,' with a biographical introduction by Mr. Clement K. Shorter.

A MEMORIAL, signed by a number of retail booksellers, has been addressed to publishers complaining of the course adopted by some wholesale houses of supplying the public with books on such terms of discount that the retail trade cannot, with any chance of success, compete. What effect this will have remains to be seen. In the mean time the present system of discounts amongst the retail traders themselves leaves profit merely nominal.

A REFORT on the Duke of Athole's family papers has been drawn up for the Historical MSS. Commission by Sir William Fraser, Deputy-Keeper of the Records in Scotland. Many interesting documents have been found in the collection relating to the rising in Scotland of 1689 and to the death of Dundee. Of somewhat later date are one or two letters of Robert Campbell, better known as "Rob Roy," some curious papers about whom Sir W. Fraser also discovered in the muniment room of the Duke of Montrose many years ago.

Major A. C. Talbot, C.I.E., will shortly publish in two volumes 'Translations into Persian,' consisting of 550 extracts from standard English works, which will comprise pieces on military and political subjects. All students of Persian know the difficulty which exists in the matter of obtaining competent English-speaking native teachers, and as Major Talbot's work will contain suitable Persian equivalents for many hundreds of modern English phrases, the book will supply a serious want. The work is printed and published at the Baptist Mission Press, Calcutta.

Part XX. of Mr. Ebsworth's valuable collection of 'Roxburghe Ballads' is nearly completed.

THE death is announced of Dr. Max Vogler, a young novelist of some reputation in Germany.

Those who read the concluding observations in the account of the Oriental Congress at Stockholm given in the Athenaum will not be surprised that the dissatisfaction expressed with the administrative arrangements is felt elsewhere. Leading Orientalists in Paris have declared in favour of the next congress being held in Paris or London, giving a preference to the latter metropolis. In England a similar feeling has been expressed, and we understand it is proposed to call a meeting in London to consider the steps desirable to be taken to establish co-operation.

THE November number of Messrs. Ward & Downey's East and West will contain a poem, 'A Lady of Modern Rome,' by Mrs. Chandler Moulton, and 'Cimiez on the Riviera,' by Miss Mathilde Blind. A Christmas number of this new monthly is in preparation.

The chief Parliamentary Papers of the week are Small Holdings, Report of Committee and Evidence (4s. 3d.); Statistical Abstract, United Kingdom, for 1874-88 (1s.); Public Records, Fiftieth Annual Report (1s. 2d.); and Emigration and Immigration of Foreigners, Index to Report (3d.).

#### SCIENCE

ZOOLOGICAL BOOKS.

Fauna of British India.—Fishes. By F. Day. 2 vols. (Taylor & Francis.)—Mr. W. T. Blanford, who is the general editor of the 'Fauna of British India,' had no difficulty in selecting the naturalist to whom he should confide the description of Indian fishes. Unfortunately the work before us was overshadowed, soon after it went to the printer's hands, by the fatal illness to which Mr. Day succumbed some three months since. The editor had, consequently, to take something more than editorial charge of the two large volumes; but we see no evidence that the work has not been done by a perfectly competent hand. More than fourteen hundred species are described in this work, which in the general arrangement of its subject-matter follows closely the pattern of the catalogues of the Zoological Department of the British Museum. The native names of the fishes are frequently given, and it is a pity that it will be almost impossible for the unskilled to make any use of them, for they are not indexed; so that, notwithstanding the publication of this book, the English fisherman who is told he has caught a Maga-booshee will not be able to hunt him out here. Will not Mr. Blanford rectify this omission, and have an index of native names prepared? This is a book to be thankful for, and is almost beyond criticism; but we must call attention to the fact that it perpetuates a mistake frequently, it would seem, made by ichthyologists: it is not true that in the lancelet the "respiratory and abdominal cavities" are "confluent."

Glimpses of Animal Life. By W. Jones. (Stock.)—As a glimpse is a more or less imperfect view, the title of Mr. Jones's book, which consists very largely of excerpts from more or less well-known works, is not bad. Sometimes he is absolutely accurate, as when he says, "The parrot is one of the most amusing of birds"; sometimes he is amusing himself, as thus: "Describing the mocking-bird and its marvellous powers of mimicry, Gould mentions that while exhibiting them he spreads his wings, expands his tail, and throws himself around the cage in all the ecstasy of enthusiasm," &c. We were at one time in the habit of seeing Mr. Gould, but he never exhibited—even at scientific societies—either his wings or his tail. Often Mr. Jones is merely dull; and on the whole he will not, we think, interest our readers.

DR. JOULE, F.R.S.

RATHER more than half a century ago there appeared in Sturgeon's Annals of Electricity a short

paper descriptive of an electro-magnetic engine, by James Prescott Joule, of Manchester—then scarcely twenty years of age. This was the first contribution to scientific literature of one who was destined eventually to effect a revolution in physical science almost as great as that which Darwin brought about in biology. Like Darwin, Joule lived an extremely retired life, finding his greatest pleasure in the quiet prosecution of research. Scarcely known to the world at large, he rarely appeared even in scientific circles; and when nominated many years ago as President of the British Association, he was led through failing strength to resign the position some time before the meeting. This peaceful life—which was devoted mainly to a demonstration of the great principle of the conservation of energy—was brought to a close at Sale, near Manchester, on Friday, the 11th inst.

It is, perhaps, hardly too much to say that the tendency of Joule's genius to deal with problems of molecular physics, and his remarkable manipulative skill as an experimentalist, may be traced to the early influence of John Dalton, the founder of the atomic theory. Joule was the son of a wealthy brewer at Salford, where he was born on Christmas Eve in 1818. Too delicate in constitution to battle with life at school, he received his rudimentary education at home, but had afterwards the inestimable advantage of learning the elements of chemical and physical science from Dalton, who was then resident in Manchester. The spirit of the illustrious master was soon caught by the pupil, and young Joule became an ardent and original experimentalist. He constructed much of his own apparatus, and, like most men of genius, performed his best work with the simplest means. His capital investigation — that of determining the mechanical equivalent of heat
—was conducted with appliances which, considering the subtle nature of the problem, were of extreme simplicity. Yet his researches were always marked by an anxious desire for precision. Indeed, his signal merit is that of tasion. Indeed, his signal merit is that of having imported quantitative methods into subjects which were previously dealt with in a vague and ill-defined manner. Thus the deve-lopment of heat by friction was known even to the savage who produced fire by rubbing two sticks together; but it was reserved to Joule to treat the subject quantitatively, and to determine with accuracy how much heat is obtained by the expenditure of a given amount of mechanical energy. Rumford had heated water mechanical energy. Rumford had heated water by the work of boring a cannon; Joule, in a manner equally simple, but more delicate, heated water by stirring it with paddles, and even by the friction of the liquid in its passage through narrow tubes. True, the rise of temperature here was but small; yet it fur-nished him with data from which he demonstrated the precise ratio that exists between heat and work, and obtained one of the most useful constants in the whole range of physical science.

It is needless to give a catalogue of Joule's numerous writings. Sufficient to say that there is scarcely a department of physics which does not stand a debtor to his genius. Magnetism was enriched by some of his early researches, and he constructed electro-magnets of greater carrying power than any previously known. He devised electro-magnetic engines and new forms of galvanometer; he measured the heat evolved by the passage of electricity through metallic conductors, and determined the ratio between chemical and thermal energy. Many other physicists, it is true, have done admirable work on similar lines; but there are few indeed whose researches have had such far-reaching importance in the development of modern science—especially in thermo-dynamics, in thermal chemistry and in the kinetic theory of gases.

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Such work naturally brought to Dr. Joule the grateful recognition of scientific bodies at home and abroad. The Royal Society awarded

to him not only its Royal Medal in 1852, but the Copley Medal in 1870. Nor was it solely the representatives of pure science who delighted to do him honour. Remembering the value of his work to the engineer, the Society of Arts in 1880 awarded to the great physicist its Albert Medal—an award avowedly in recognition of the relation of his scientific researches to industrial pursuits. Nothing can better express the respect in which Dr. Joule was held by his scientific friends than the language of Sir Henry Roscoe when presiding at the Manchester meeting of the British Association two years ago. "I would gladly have served," said the President, "as a doorkeeper in any house where Joule, the father of science in Manchester, was enjoying his just pre-eminence."

#### GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

We have received a complaint from Mr. Chisholm with regard to one point in our favourable notice of his work, of which we had highly praised the accuracy and usefulness. We had found it necessary to state that out of the large number of maps contained in it three were such as would be better omitted from future editions; of two of these Mr. Chisholm makes no defence, but of a small map showing the railways in one portion of the United States he makes a strong defence. It is very difficult to bring the ques-tion between Mr. Chisholm and ourselves, as regards this map, to a clear issue, because the scale of his map is so small, and the number of places marked on it so lew, the simpossible, without giving a facsimile of it, to impossible, without giving a facsimile of it, to the reader. We, places marked on it so few, that it is almost however, tried to supply Mr. Chisholm with a direct test of the correctness of this map by telling him that there were shown on it twelve lines running west from the river valley which lies between Omaha and Kansas city, and that no such number in fact exist. Mr. Chisholm does not meet this point, but urges that his map is a mere reduction from the American railroad We have now again carefully examined all the best sources of information, and can assure Mr. Chisholm with confidence that his map is not a mere reduction, but is in many points fantastic; and we will supply him with a further test. If he will look to the W.S.W. of Omaha he will find on the American railroad maps the town of Hastings, Nebraska, at which five straight lines meet. If he will then turn to his map he will find no such meeting of five lines, but, on the contrary, a sort of ring into which ten tortuous lines find their way. It was this, and similar cases, which made us ask whether the jagged lines were meant for rivers; and, indeed, his map-maker appears to have made up the twelve lines running west, from points between Kansas city and Omaha, by marking as railroads the Platte river, the stream on which Topeka stands, and the state boundary between Kansas and Nebraska. At the same time we feel that these remarks of detail, into which we have been led by Mr. Chisholm's letter, are hypercriticism, for we repeat that the dictionary is excellent, and that the maps as a whole are good, and our objection to the three we mentioned was caused only by a wish to improve future editions of Mr. Chisholm's valuable work.

The death is announced of the Rev. J. E. Tenison-Woods, author of a 'History of the Discovery and Exploration of Australia.' He also wrote 'Geological Observations in South Australia,' 'North Australia and its Physical Geography,' 'Australian Essays,' &c.

The well-known naturalist and traveller Joh.

The well-known naturalist and traveller Joh. Jak, von Tschudi has just died on his estate in Lower Austria at the age of seventy-one. He was a native of Glarus, and a descendant of the distinguished Tschudi family which has given to Switzerland so many celebrated men. Tschudi was Swiss Ambassador to the Court of Vienna from 1868 to 1883, in which latter year he retired to private life on his estate.

The Modern County Atlas of England and Wales, just published by Messrs. W. & A. K. Johnston, possesses one great advantage over similar collections of maps, namely, uniformity of scale, all the counties being given on a scale of seven miles to the inch. In addition to these county maps, there are a few maps on an enlarged scale. The maps are neatly engraved, and an index facilitates their use. The boundaries are those of our historical counties, and the changes effected by the recent Local Government Act are completely ignored. This, we think, is matter for regret, but could easily be set right in future editions of this useful work.

Im Herzen der Haussalünder, by Paul Staudinger (Berlin, A. Landsberger), is not only a full record of the Niger-Benue expedition, conducted by the late Mr. Flegel, which it was fondly hoped in Germany would lead to important commercial and political results; it is also a very able and full account of a part of Africa in which the British public may reasonably be supposed to take a special interest. Niger and Benue are, of course, well-beaten tracks; but in travelling from the latter to Sokoto, with whose ruler Mr. Staudinger made a treaty of amity and commerce, the author broke new ground, and his maps, no less than the scientific appendices to his volume, are welcome additions to our knowledge.

#### THE COMING PUBLISHING SEASON.

Messes. George Philip & Son's new and forthcoming publications are: In the series called "The World's Great Explorers and Explorations," 'John Davis, Arctic Explorer and Early India Navigator,' by Clements R. Markham; 'Palestine,' by Major C. R. Conder; 'John Franklin and the North-West Passage,' by Capt. A. Markham; 'Magellan and the Pacific,' by Dr. H. H. Guillemard; and 'Sausure and the Alps,' by Mr. D. W. Freshfield,— a 'Geological Map of Mount Vesuvius and Monte Somma,' scale 1: 10,000, constructed by Mr. Johnston-Lavis from actual detailed survey,— 'Topographical Map of Liguria and the Riviera, from Nice to Leghorn,' scale 1: 200,000,—'A Map of Part of Eastern Africa,' prepared by authority of the Imperial British East Africa Company, by Mr. Ravenstein, innine sheets, scale eight statute miles to the inch,—'Philips' New Imperial Atlas of the World,'—'Coloured Analytical Tables,' by Mr. Wilson Hake,—'Philips' Revolving Planisphere of the Stars,' enlarged edition for class teaching, with accompanying handbook,—a third series of 'Rustic Walking Routes in the London Vicinity,' by Mr. W. R. Evans and Mr. S. Sharpe, west to south district,—'Holidays Afloat, 1889-90,' by Mr. T. Rhodes,—'Recitations, Rhymes, and Dialogues for Kindergarten,' by Emily Warmington,—'How to Teach Sight-Singing Exercises and Songs,' by the same,—'Sight-Singing Exercises and Songs,' by the same,—'Arithmetical Wrinkles for Teachers and Students,' by Mr. J. T. Richardson,—'Modern Gymnastic Exercises,' Part II., by Mr. A. Alexander,—'Facistine' Certificate Examination Tests,' male and female, first and second years,—the Educational Annual for 1890,—'The Life Story of our Earth,' by Mr. D'Anvers,—and 'Early Man,' by the same.

Mr. H. K. Lewis's announcements are: 'The Town Dweller: his Needs and his Wants,' by Dr. Milner Fothergill, with an introduction by Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R. S.,—'Insomnia and its Therapeutics,' by Dr. A. W. Macfarlane,—'Asthma: especially in its Relation to Nasal Disease,' by Dr. E. Schmiegelow,—'Wanderings in Search of Health; or, Medical and Meteorological Notes on Foreign Health Resorts,' by Dr. Coupland Taylor,—'Hunterian Lectures on the Morbid Anatomy, Pathology, and Treatment of Hernia,' by Mr. C. B. Lockwood, F.R.C.S.,—'A Practical Treatise on Headache, Neuralgia, Sleep and its Derangements, and Spinal Irrita-

tion,' by Dr. Leonard Corning, with an appendix, 'Eye Strain, a Cause of Headache,' by Dr. David Webster,—and second editions of Sir W. Aitken's book on 'The Animal Alkaloids,' of Mr. Osborn's 'Ambulance Lectures,' and Dr. Beard's work on 'Nervous Exhaustion.'

MRETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Moyal Academy 4 — Anatomy, Mr. J. Marshall.

Tuss. Horticultural — Fruit and Floral Committee, 1; Lecture, 3.

Fat. Royal Academy, 4.— Anatomy, Mr. J. Marshall.

#### Science Cossip.

WE are glad to hear that in the early autumn all the thirteen working tables of the Marine Biological Association's Laboratory at Plymouth were occupied. Among those who have recently joined the Association are Lord Revelstoke and Sir Henry Thompson, who, having contributed 100% each, are on the list of "founders."

Prof. Jeffrey Bell will lecture at the Royal Victoria Hall next Tuesday on 'Hands and Feet.' Prof. Flower is the lecturer on the succeeding Tuesday.

The general meeting of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on Wednesday, October 30th, and Thursday, October 31st, will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers. The president, Mr. Charles Cochrane, will read a paper 'On the Results of Blast-Furnace Practice with Lime instead of Limestone as Flux'; a 'Description of a Rotary Machine for making Blockbottomed Paper Bags,' by Mr. Job Duerden, of Burnley, will be communicated by Mr. Henry Chapman; and an account of 'Further Experiments on Condensation and Re-evaporation of Steam in a Jacketed Cylinder' will be given by Major Thomas English, R. E.

THE large detailed drawing of the Milky Way on which, as is known to our readers, Dr. Boeddicker has been engaged at Lord Rosse's observatory at Birr Castle during the last five years, is now at the rooms of the Royal Astronomical Society, and an explanatory note with reference to it will be read at the November meeting of the Society.

HERR RENZ publishes some observations, made at the Pulkowa Observatory, of the companions to Brooks's comet, especially of the one which, as we have already remarked, became very much brighter towards the end of August. Its distance from the parent comet continues slowly to increase.

#### FINE ARTS

ARTS and CRAFTS EXHIBITION SOCIETY, the New Gallery, Regent Street.—SECOND EXHIBITION NOW OPEN, 10 to 6.—Admission, L. E. WALTER CRANE, President; ERNEST RADFORD, Secretary.

The Architectural Association Sketch-Book.

New Series. Vol. VII. (9, Conduit Street.)

No series is better worth having than this. It abounds in materials for study, and all of them are excellently drawn, the greater number being delineated to scale, with sections of the whole as well as of the details of prominent features. Of seventy-two plates, thirty-nine refer to England, eleven are French, and nineteen Italian; the remainder being from the Low Countries and Germany. They have been selected and executed by various draughtsmen, including most of those whose work we have praised when noticing former volumes, and some of them have decidedly improved in draughtsmanship since we wrote. The standard of drawing is, accordingly, somewhat higher in this instalment than in the preceding parts, and it is more equal, while the subjects seem to be better chosen than

before, and there is an increase in the number of the sections and studies of details. As the work of members of a single society of volunteer draughtsmen, the whole is highly creditable to all concerned. We have examined the whole of the plates, and none of the drawings, some two hundred in all, is unsatisfactory. We could not have said so much of the previous volumes. It is a false economy, however, to put the plates in a thin paper cover, instead of a portfolio.

The editor should have inserted the dates on the plates in nearly every case. This could have been done without much difficulty, and yet the dates are seldom to be found on the drawings before us, and the purchaser has to be content either with guessing or relying on his memory, unless he turns to consult books which may not always be at hand, before he can compare one example with the other, and thus secure one of the chief advantages to be derived from such collections. This is the more important because the architectural chronology of the building styles of the west of England, and even of certain individual western counties, is by no means the same as in East Anglia, Lincoln, or Kent. Again, the architectural chronology of the styles of Gloucestershire, say in the neighbourhood of Stroud, and Derbyshire, where limestone is used, is different from that of Herefordshire, Cheshire, and Worcestershire, where wood was plentiful. A fifteenth century build-ing in Sussex is not very like its con-temporaries in Norfolk and Leicestershire. If there is a difference between the styles of neighbouring shires, where they use sandstone and limestone respectively, how much more distinct are the styles which prevailed on the South Downs amid the chalk and in the granite lands of Cornwall and parts of Wales! Thus much for the influence of materials on building. The influence of distance from the centres of architectural progress (which, broadly speaking, were Kent and other south-eastern counties near the metropolis) was even greater. An abundant supply of clay bricks, too, tiles, and wood encouraged a multiplication of the parts of a building, while where little but stone was used there was a tendency towards simplicity and breadth. Again, all these matters were more or less influenced by the state of the county, which forbade or encouraged the making of roads, and thus facilitated or obstructed the transport of heavy materials. Unless we know the actual date of a building, and are thus enabled to take into account some, at least, of its external circumstances, what may be called its biography can neither be written nor read.

When we know some of these details and have ascertained the true date of the edifices it is not difficult to see that when the stately gateway of Battle Abbey, of which Mr. R. W. Paul has made a capital study, was built, it was, like its noble neighbour Bodiam Castle, already almost an anachronism. On the other hand, the action of foreign influences at an unusually early date is curiously illustrated when we compare the elaborate, florid, yet beautiful, and quite Italian doorway of St. Peter's Hospital, Bristol, constructed in 1607 (which is figured in Mr.

Worthington's plate vi.), with the simple and dignified character of the Norfolk manor houses at Packenham and Bardwell, which belong to somewhere about 1620, and retain many Gothic features. The former has Jacobean gables, while the latter retains the corbie steps on the summit of its wall with pedimented gable ends and dripstones of Perpendicular character. These are among innumerable examples which show how the English people clung to Gothic design when they were not under the immediate influences of the court and London fashions, that affected the commercial rather than the landed classes. The Bristol doorway looks like a copy from a foreign work of exceptional beauty. It is an addition to a room of which the opentimbered roof is dated 1477. We pass from this graceful instance of a rich style to a far nobler style of architecture in the transitional Romanesque church at Broadwater, Sussex, which Mr. A. H. Hart has carefully illustrated with an elevation, sections, a plan, and many fine details where the growth of ogival influences and a freer mode of design are manifest in the interior rather than the exterior. The walls are, as is frequent in that district, of rough flint with stone quoins. It is a cross church, and has been a good deal altered without losing much of its original dignity. It retains some fine late woodwork in the misereres and a screen of good character. The Gothic pharos at St. Catherine's, Isle of Wight, drawn by Mr. B. H. Marvin, with its conical roof of solid stone, would have charmed Mr. Fergusson, who pinned his faith on roofs of that kind, almost refusing to recognize other kinds as legitimate. It is a first-rate subject, not often delineated, and most instructive to those who imagine that Gothic architects built nothing well except churches. The masonry is solid and regular, and the stone lantern has eight openings. As there seems to be no provision for the escape of smoke, we presume that a strong light in each opening was considered sufficient for the mariners at sea. But perhaps it was not a lighthouse at all, but a look-out tower. It is 830 ft. above the sea, or 266 ft. higher than Beachy Head, and was founded in 1322 by Walter de Godyton, who endowed a chantry (remains of which were discovered about 1815), and a priest who was, it is said, bound to show a light seaward. Elm Church, Cambridgeshire, of which Mr. A. N. Wilson contributes an interior view, is a noble example of Early English, much altered in the upper portions, and distin-guished by a fine double hammer-beam roof of an extremely graceful character. Mr. Paul has produced a tolerably good drawing of the stately Decorated village church at Etchingham, in Sussex.

Our space is nearly exhausted, while there is much to say in praise of many of the drawings in this book. From these we may select for mention mosaic and tarsia pavements at Siena and Venice, drawn by Mr. Lonsdale; tarsia work from Siena, by Mr. E. H. Selby and Mr. A. Robertson; the graceful campanile of the Duomo at Prato, by Mr. E. G. Hardy; campanili from Florence, by the same; the west door of San Francesco, Bologna, by Mr. E. H. Selby, a noble example; and the exterior of the north transept of Tournay Cathedral, the westernmost

of the first-class Romanesque cathedrals, by Mr. R. P. Spiers, who should give us views of the interiors of both the transepts, for they are stupendously grand and worthy of careful study. This book is difficult to use, because the plates are not numbered.

THE GROSVENOR EXHIBITION OF PASTELS.

A collection of nearly four hundred and fifty pictures in pastels, much the most numerous yet formed in this country, ought to command a good deal of attention. Undoubtedly it would secure a good deal of admiration if a very large proportion of the whole were not unmitigated rubbish unfit for public exhibition. The managers of the Grosvenor Gallery would have been wise as well as merciful if they had spared us at least half the crudities which disfigure their walls. They have been more fortunate in the twentyfive pieces of sculpture they exhibit, for at least ten of them are very good, and two or three quite pre-eminent for skill and spirit; for instance, Mr. Woolner's learned and sympathetic stance, Mr. Wolner's learned and sympathetic bust of Ophelia (No. 449), Mr. T. N. Maclean's graceful and competent statuettes in bronze (450, 451, 452, and 453), and Miss A. M. Chaplin's vigorous and finely executed "Angry" (455). Of the other fifteen, especially of some which are coloured in a meretricious fashion, we prefer to say nothing. As a place for exhibiting sculpture this gallery offers advantages of lighting and position which it is puzzling to find so generally neglected.

The present exhibition includes a number of examples which are not pastels at all, but simple drawings in black, white, and red chalks, or neither more nor less than painting in distemper, or combinations of distemper and pastels in vary ing degrees. It is no answer to say that ninetenths of the public cannot tell which is pastel and which distemper. The same fault was obvious in last year's exhibition, and it is even

more conspicuous this year.

The finest thing here is M. E. Levy's Tête de Vieille Veuve (17), in which the artist's long-tried and thoroughly trained skill is displayed in a powerful Van Eyckish study of a head of life size, wearing a cap and bonnet, distinguished by its admirable draughtsmanship, vigorous colour, and painter-like handling.

Etude d'Enfant (68), a naked figure, rather less
than life size, seated on a bed, by the same
master, is solid, firmly drawn, but the flesh is deficient in the rosiness and greys of nature. Far better in this respect is Jeune Fille en Costume Japonais (106), by the same artist. The rosy flesh is admirably modelled and drawn, and the attire finely treated. The face is charming.—Mr. W. Stott, "of Oldham," does not justify his claim to belong to an artistic town by his coarse and vulgar sketch of Madame Nevada as Lakmé (94), one of the things which Even worse is Miss C. Montalba's H.M.S.

Anson (377), of which it is hardly possible to say which is the head or which the stern of a big ship set in a sea and sky of coloured chalks. A ship is not a difficult thing to draw, an ironclad still less.

The Dragon Ship (4), a naked boy holding a toy, being a study in grey carnations on a red curtain, is a very clever, somewhat hasty exercise from nature, and reflects credit on Mr. E. Sichel, who makes a creditable figure in other contribu-tions.—Mr. E. Roberts's Mrs. J. G. Menzies (10) is one of the best of several life-size, three-quarterslength portraits of ladies in this gallery. The complexion (always a crux in pastel-painting) is good and the expression is natural, simple, and just, but the figure is ill drawn (a common fault here) and out of proportion. — Mr. O. Scholderer's Miss Breul (25), seated, in green, has plenty of good character and colour at large, although the shadows of the flesh are cold and rather opaque.—An Anglesea Nook (24),

by Mr. R. Wane, a name new to us, is a capital cture of a romantic bay of sand and low dark cliffs, boats, and a calm sea. The drawing is good, the colour rich.—Mr. St. G. Hare has done a dashing piece of work in the life-size seated portrait of G. F. Montfort, Esq. (37), in a black and white evening dress, the 'magpie" costume, which a finer artist would bring into harmony, softening the crudities of colour and tone. The head is better, but colour and tone. The head is better, but while clever and firm it lacks research and refinement. - October (39) is worthy of Mr. J. Aumonier's feeling for nature : a grey landscape, most delicate in tone and highly artistic.

There is abundance of vigorous and suitable expression in The Day's Work Done (41), by Mr. L. Emanuel, a tug and Lowestoft fishingboats rolling in a turbulent ses, the deep greenness of which, considering where the craft must be, suggests the lamp. The movements of the be, suggests the lamp. The movements of the vessels and the glow of the latest sunlight on the topmost sails are successfully given.—Mr. H. Vos has done well in his highly artistic Abdallah (115), of which the title puzzles us. Abdallah is a dark olive-hued Moor in a choice dress of black and citron-yellow. The whole, although a little crude here and there, is strong, spontaneous, and full of character. Some portraits by the same artist exhibit similar qualities, and only need a little refining restraint.—Mr. C. Wilkinson's When the Evening Sun is Low (149), a charming exercise in tone and colour, depicts admirably a white church spire in rosy light and set against a bright turquoise sky. All the rest is in choice keeping.

—A beautiful portrait of a lady in a red opera cloak, looking down with a soft and genial smile, may be praised for a thoroughly good expression. may be praised for a thoroughly good expression, well-drawn features, and carnations of excellent quality. It is called *Thaisa* (166), and is by Mr. quality. It is called Thaisa (166), and is by Mr. H. J. Hudson.—The Loch Fyne (187) of Miss L. Lucas, white calm on sheeny water, and with bright sunlight suppressed, is delicate and true, a simple modest study from nature.-Mr. E. Roberts's Hon. H. Keppel (188) may be praised for excellent draughtsmanship, yet is not a little dull.

CHARLES LAMB AND WIDFORD CHURCH.

Athenæum Club, Oct. 15, 1889. It may interest the many lovers of Elia to hear that the little church at Widford, near Ware, in Hertfordshire, is in need of substantial repair. It is the church where Lamb as a child sat on many a summer Sunday with his grandmother Mrs. Field, the housekeeper at Blakes-ware, half a mile distant (the "Blakesmoor in Hertfordshire" of the delightful essay). in the quiet churchyard,

— on the green hill-top

Hard by the house of prayer, a modest roof,
And not distinguished from its neighbour barn,
Bave by a slender-tapering length of spire,
The grandame sleeps.

slender-tapering

This slender-tapering spire is in danger of falling through decay of the structure, and it is to make all safe that funds are now needed. Three hundred pounds is the estimated cost - not a large sum, but one beyond the means of a small village population. There is no talk, happily, of any "restoration" that will change the old familiar aspect of the church. It has occurred to me — and my suggestion was welcomed by the rector, Mr. Lockwood — that some of the increasing number of Lamb-lovers might like to assist in the cause. Many pilgrims visit this pleasant Hertfordshire church and village for the sake of its associations with Lamb's life and writings, and I know how kind and obliging Mr. Lockwood is in acting as guide and expositor. I fear he may have a sort of grievance against me, inasmuch as I have had some share in connecting the name of his parish with Charles Lamb, and if so, he has perhaps a claim on me to do that which I am now doing in return.

Subscriptions to the fund may be sent to the Rev. J. T. Lockwood, Widford Rectory, Ware, Herts. I may add that Mr. Lockwood tells me that if there should be a balance in hand after the necessary repairs are completed, he would gladly place in the church a small stained window as a memorial of the gentle Elia.

ALFRED AINGER.

ALABASTER PANELS WITH ST. JOHN'S HEAD. Burlington House, Piccadilly, Oct. 14, 1889.

Would you kindly allow me to ask if any readers of the Athenaum can give me any information as to the present whereabouts of certain examples of the mediæval alabaster panels sculp-tured with a representation of St. John's head in a charger, between figures of St. Peter and St. Thomas the archbishop, &c.?

The missing examples are : 1. Engraved in Nichols's 'Leicestershire,' vol. iv. pt. ii. p. 461, and in Fosbroke's 'Encycl. Antiq.,' p. 683. In 1789 it was in the possession of Mr. David Wells, F.S. A.

2. Penes Dr. Stukeley in 1724, and engraved by him in 'Palæographia Britannica,' pl. v. p. 52. 3. Discovered in St. John Baptist's Church, Bristol, in 1828.

4. Described in Gentleman's Magazine for 1824, pt. ii. p. 292, by T. A[dderley] as being in his possession.

Exhibited at the Manchester Exhibition of 1857 (but not described in the catalogue) by Henry Bowden, Esq.

I should also be grateful for particulars of any other examples.

W. H. ST. JOHN HOPE.

NOTES FROM ATHENS.

British School, Athens. ATHENS is now "beautifying" itself for the approaching marriage and the crowd of dis-

tinguished visitors; fortunately, this process has not as yet proved disastrous. The lowering of the area round the Kapnikarea Church, so as to show it in its true proportions, is a great improvement. The excavations on the Acropolis are concluded, and the later walls at its west end are demolished. Unfortunately, the orderly arrangement of the fallen blocks on the north as well as the south of the Parthenon has been carried on, in spite of protests, to the entire destruction of the old picturesque confusion, and the resemblance to a builder's yard has spread over this portion also. The arrangement of the museum continues; the latest thing mounted is a very interesting archaic pediment, ornamented with a polychrome design of a purely

decorative character.

The tomb opened by M. Tsountas at Vaphio, near Sparta, has yielded results which far surpass any discovery of the sort since the finding the great treasures at Mycenæ by Dr. Schliemann. Here, as there, an undisturbed tomb of an ancient chieftain has been opened, with all the vessels in gold, silver, and bronze, arms and engraved gems intact. And we have not simply a repetition of the same discovery, for this tomb at Vaphio was of the "treasury" type, with a "dromos" leading into a beehive-shaped vault—a form universally recognized as an ancient chieftain has been opened, with all belonging to a later stage of the so-called "Mycenean" culture than the simple pit-like graves on the citadel of Mycenea. This view is graves on the citadel of Mycenes. This view is fully borne out by the nature of the objects discovered, which in many ways occupy an inter-mediate position between Mycenean works and the earliest products of Hellenic art. M. Tsountas has already published a short account of his excavation in the ' $\Lambda \rho \chi \alpha \iota o \lambda o \gamma \iota \kappa \eta$ '  $E \phi \eta \mu \epsilon \rho \iota s$  for 1888, and will soon publish his results in the same periodical. By his courtesy I have been permitted to examine his discoveries, and I may say a few words about them without anticipating his final publication.

The vaulted tomb chamber and also the

avenue or "dromos" were built of stones, mostly of small size, from a neighbouring quarry on Taygetus. It is remarkable that in the door and elsewhere the joints, and even flaws in the stone, were concealed with lime-mortar; and the undisturbed state of the tomb shows that it must have remained buried since primitive times.

A similar practice was observed in the last tomb cleared at Mycense. But as treasury' that was emptied and shown in ancient times, later repairs were there possible. Within the vaulted tomb at Vaphio was a shallow grave lined and covered with stone slabs: the evidence that the corpse was buried, not burnt, seems to be mostly inferential; no bones were found. The buried were scattered all about the floor of the vaulted chamber. The most important of all are two gold cups, each made of two plates of gold, the inner one plain, and the outer decorated with a very fine design in repoussé work that fills the whole field. The relief is fairly high; the drawing and composition, in spite of a few mistakes or inadequacies, are bold and successful, but the execution lacks the exquisite delicacy in details that marks the gold work, and especially the inlaying work, of Mycense. The subjects are most interesting: the hunting of wild bulls and the leading of tame bulls by men; and we thus see carefully executed figures of men about two and a half inches high, and in the same costume as we find on figures from Mycenæ, Tiryns, &c.—a kind of loin-cloth depending from a girdle, and anklets, pointed shoes, &c. These are all so clear now that no further doubt is possible as to their nature and the way in which they were worn. The bulls, which are rendered with great spirit, resemble in form that on the wall-painting from Tiryns; one, which is caught in a net, is doubled up in a contortion which recalls the strangely distorted animals on early gems. is remarkable that most of the trees represented are palms.

Another cup, of silver, has a prettily wrought gold rim; and numerous small orunments in gold, silver, amber, &c., were found, including a delicate little pair of gold fishes, cut out of a flat plate, with incised details. Some specimens of fine granulated work in gold closely resemble later Greek technique. Various strange bronze implements, large and small, and two stone arrowheads and an iron ring were found; and there were fragments, but no perfect specimens, of the beautiful inlaid swords. A bronze axe of peculiar form, with two apertures between the edge and the haft, is of interest, and seems to confirm Dr. Warre's suggestion that it was through a line of axes of this form that Ulysses shot his arrow. The engraved gems, mostly of the "island gem" type, were very numerous, and had the usual representations of animals, monsters, and men; the dress, both of men and women, is clear in several instances, and of the well-known types. There are two gems with the strange nondescript animal with a head like a goat (or horse) and a spiny back, carrying a jug (Milchhöfer's Iris); one gem has a pair of these monsters face to face, another has one. In many respects the Vaphio treasure seems to be intermediate between Mycenean and primitive Greek art; if it really helps to bridge this gulf it will be of the utmost value and interest. E. A. G.

#### fine-Art Cossip.

The exhibition of drawings and pictures of birds by Mr. H. S. Marks, of which the private view is appointed by the Fine-Art Society for to-day (Saturday), and to which the public will be admitted on Monday next, consists of seventy-three examples, by much the larger proportion of which are water colours made at the Zoological Gardens. Among the more important are 'Dominicans in Feathers' (penguins), which was exhibited at the Academy in 1887 and has since been repainted, and some very brilliant drawings of parrots, owls, and other birds, to which the artist has known how to impart humorous expressions without repeating the blunders of those who cannot give character to animals without humanizing them. There is a picture of a stork "most meditative and most melancholy," on looking at which it is impos-

sible not to smile. In the preface to the catalogue of his works Mr. Marks has set forth his views of birds and their relations with their fellow bipeds of the human kind.

Another picture from the bequest of Mr. John Stansforth Beckett has been hung in Room XV. at the National Gallery, and numbered 1286. It is by Murillo, and entitled 'A Boy Drinking.' The figure is life size, to the waist; the head is turned to our right; the boy is resting his left arm on a table and holding a square bottle, like one of those used for Schiedam; the raised right hand grasps a long tapering glass, from which the boy is drinking. He wears a white cap, decked with vine leaves; his light brown jacket has open sleeves; over his right shoulder is thrown a white towel; a thick white kerchief is round his throat and knotted under his chin. The head is finely modelled, with a firm, broad touch; the bright eyes are deep set under the brow, and they betray eager delight in the draught he is taking. The flesh tones are unusually pure and bright for Murillo, whose characteristic brush-power is distinct in most, but not in all parts of the work. The picture seems to be that which, named 'A Spanish Youth Drinking,' was sold in 1836 with Lord Charles Townshend's collection for 414l. With the Earl of Clare's pictures was sold, in 1864, 'A Peasant holding a Bottle and drinking from a Glass,' which had "belonged to Prince Talleyrand and Lord C. Townshend," for 1,365l. It seems to be the same as that which was sold at the Silvestre sale on February 28th, 1811, for 1,840 francs, and had at one time belonged to M. Berger, whose heirs sold it for 120 livres to M. C. Godefroy. At M. Godefroy's sale in 1748 it passed, for 300 livres, to the Duc de Tallard. In 1756 it was sold again for 97 (?) livres. Mr. Curtis's catalogue of Murillos says the similar picture in the Stockholm Museum is a copy of the work which belonged to M. Silvestre.

The Belgian collections of pictures by the old masters have now been housed in the fine new gallery of the Palais des Beaux-Arts at Brussels. The pictures, which amount to five hundred and twenty-one, have been numbered and are carefully described in a new catalogue, being the sixth edition of M. E. Fétis's capital work, which contains an historical account of the collection extending to ninety-four pages. The old Flemish masters are dealt with in a separate section of the text, beginning with the fourteenth century, and ending with Van Arley in the sixteenth. The authenticated examples are taken first, and the questionable ones are grouped, as in former editions of the catalogue, under "Maîtres inconnus" of each nation. An introductory note states that an attentive revision of the collection has been made by the officials of the gallery, assisted by two experts, and the attribution of pictures decided by a majority of voices.

THE first general meeting of the Hellenic Society in the new session will take place at 22, Albemarle Street on Monday next, at 5 P.M. Mr. Cecil Smith will read a paper on 'An Archaic Greek Lekythos,' recently presented to the British Museum by Mr. Malcolm Macmillan; and Mr. J. A. R. Munro will give an account of recent excavations in Cyprus, and exhibit some of the objects found.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us of the death, at the early age of forty-five, of the Rev. James McFarlan, the minister of Ruthwell, who deserves the eternal gratitude of archæologists by giving the famous Runic cross shelter inside his church, from which it had been expelled by order of the General Assembly in 1642. He raised money for building an apse in which the cross is properly sheltered, and he also wrote a monograph on it. At the time of his death Mr. McFarlan was collecting materials for a memoir of Stewart Lewis, the vagrant verse-writer celebrated by Carlyle, and thought of editing his

works. Mr. McFarlan is much lamented in Annandale.

A FUND is being raised to defray the expenses of excavations on the Cairo mounds. It is proposed to cut through one or more of those outside Fostat (Old Cairo), as being the most ancient part of the city, the object being archeological research relating to the early period of the Arab conquest of Egypt. The services of Count d'Hulst, who is now superintending the excavations at Bubastis for the Egypt Exploration Fund, will probably be secured for the proposed work. Corbett Bey, private secretary to H.R.H. the Khedive, who has made a special study of the topography of the Cairo of Maqrizy, has offered valuable suggestions as to the locality which should be selected. Subscriptions will be received by Mr. R. S. Poole, Keeper of the Coins, the British Museum.

A MONUMENT in memory of the distinguished painter Hans Makart will be erected next spring at Vienna.

Some fragments of a Hyksos statue, which had been usurped by Menephtah, have been recently found at Alexandria, near Pompey's pillar, and have been removed to the Cairo Museum.

#### MUSIC

#### THE WEEK.

THE LEEDS FESTIVAL.

THE programme of Thursday morning, the 10th inst., consisted of three classic masterpieces, thus proving a welcome contrast to the schemes of the previous day, in which the most modern developments of art in France, Germany, and England were in turn exemplified. The first item in the list was Bach's beautiful cantata 'God's Time is the Best' ('Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit'). Of all the church cantatas this is one of the most generally admired, the description of it by Spitta as "a work of art, well rounded off and firm in its formation, and warmed by the deepest intensity of feeling even in the smallest details," being in no degree exaggerated. It was doubtless written to commemorate the death of some prominent man in Weimar, the selection of the words, the generally solemn character of the music, and the subdued accompaniments, in which, in addition to the figured bass, parts for two flutes and two viol da gambas alone appear, amply proving this. Spitta urges with much force that the practice of assigning certain portions of the cantata to the whole of the altos, tenors, or basses, as the case may be, is indefensible. In Bach's time the full choir could at the most double the parts; and by permitting a force of eighty basses, for example, to sing the solo "Set in order thine house," the balance intended by the composer was utterly destroyed. At the same time, the effect of this, and also of the sopranos in the following section "Yea, come, Lord Jesus," was so exceedingly fine that the end almost justified the means. Of Schubert's Mass in E flat, which followed, it is only necessary to record a remarkably good rendering, the work being now happily familiar to all classes of musicians. The second part of the performance consisted of Handel's 'Acis and Galatea,' which was given with Mozart's additional accompaniments, but with no further modernization of the score. In this work two of our younger vocalists, Miss Macintyre and Mr. Piercy, were heard to much advantage, the former especially, though she was not quite note-

perfect. Throughout the morning the choir sang superbly—indeed, up to the Leeds standard of former years. This was, no doubt, partly due to their recovery from the effects of the exhausting rehearsals, and also because the music was more in accordance with their own tastes and predilections than

that of the previous day.

The evening programme contained two novelties, the first of which was Dr. Creser's cantata 'The Sacrifice of Freia,' one of the works written expressly for the festival. As the title indicates, it is based on a Scandinavian subject, and in fact was extracted by the late Dr. Hueffer from the elder or poetic Edda, his intention being that it should form the first part or scene of a lengthy work. He did not live to complete his task, and hence the fragmentary nature of the work, of which an explanation should have been given both in the score and in the analysis. As it stands the book has scarcely any dramatic interest. The worshippers of Freia approach her altar, a priest declares the attributes of the Norse goddess, a maiden and her soldier lover have a farewell duet, and then Roman soldiers are heard in the distance singing the hymn "Pange, lingua," the work ending with renewed appeals to the Scandinavian deities. Dr. Creser is organist of the Leeds parish church, but he has managed to keep perfectly clear of the ecclesiastical style in his music. It is, on the contrary, thoroughly, we might say almost aggressively, modern in the use of representative themes, constantly shifting tonality, and strident orchestration. By far the best portion of the work is the extended opening chorus. The Freia motive is not particularly characteristic of the North, but it is striking, and the structure is excellent, the climax being carefully approached and rendered effective when it comes. There are some pretty and piquant phrases in the next chorus for female voices, but the composer wanders aimlessly from key to key without any effect save that of distressing the ears. Passing over a noisy and laboured chorus for male voices, we come to a soprano air, which contains some graceful ideas, marred again by harsh transitions of key. Even more eccentric is the music accompanying the sacrificial ceremony. It is so obviously suggested by the 'Lohengrin' prelude that we can scarcely imagine the resemblance to have been quite unintentional. The treatment of hymn and the energetic final chorus present no feature calling for remark. Sacrifice of Freia' is the work of an able musician, but it is crude and ill considered. The score contains so much evidence of talent that Dr. Creser should certainly persevere, and endeavour to cultivate a more easy and natural style. He showed considerable intelligence in the direction of his cantata, and the performance, in which Miss Macintyre, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Brereton sustained the principal parts, was excellent. The other new work was Dr. A. C. Mackenzie's 'Pibroch' for violin, composed for and executed by Senor Sarasate. It may be as well to mention that the pibroch is the most elaborate form of music written for the bagpipe, and consists of a theme called the urlar and three or four variations, increasing in speed, the last being termed a creanluidh. The present piece is in three movements, the of Orpheus to Hades, his victory, his eventual

first of which is a rhapsody in F, exceedingly difficult to follow at a first hearing. Then follows a series of nine variations based on the tune 'Three Guid Fellows'; the third section, entitled "A Dance," being likewise founded on an old melody, taken from the Skene manuscript. The composer has evinced a keen perception of the art of writing showily and effectively for the violin; but judgment as to the merits of the 'Pibroch' as abstract music must be reserved until Señor Sarasate plays it in St. James's Hall. Mr. Harford Lloyd's pastoral 'The Rosy Dawn,' which was given under the direction of Mr. Alfred Broughton, was grandly sung by the choir; and a magnificent performance of Spohr's symphony 'Die Weihe der Töne' should

also be mentioned. The interest of the festival culminated on Friday, the 11th, the new works produced on this day being remarkably successful. In the morning Dr. Hubert Parry's setting of Pope's 'Ode on St. Cecilia's Day' was presented under the composer's direction. It is scarcely necessary to remind musicians that St. Cecilia's day, November 22nd, was once religiously observed, and that poets and composers wrote and composed odes innumerable in her praise. Very few of these works have survived to the present day. Handel's 'Alexander's Feast' and the companion 'Ode,' both from the pen of Dryden, are, of course, remembered, but the settings of Pope's verses by Greene, Walond, and Busby are all forgotten. The elegance of diction which characterizes the ode, as it does Pope's works generally, renders it suitable for musical treatment, and perhaps for a more sensuous and sentimental style than that of Dr. Parry. But the earnestness which always marks his music, united to the clearness of expression which has lately come to him, has carried him through triumphantly, and we are disposed to regard his 'St. Cecilia's Day 'as his finest, or, at any rate, his most equal effort. The cheral writing is throughout of the highest class. In the extended opening chorus the variety of ideas in the poetry forbade any regular structural development, but there is no sense of patchiness, the music ebbing and flowing in the most natural manner. More showy, if not more meritorious, is the martial chorus, "But when our country's cause," which may compare with Handel's efforts in the same style, though, of course, the Saxon composer would never have thought of reiterating the call "To arms!" on a supertonic seventh, or second inversion of the dominant eleventh as some would term it. This is one of many instances in which Dr. Parry has preserved a general breadth of style while availing himself of modern methods of expression. He has been guilty of an error of judgment in setting the appeal of Orpheus to the infernal deities as a chorus mainly unaccom-panied. It should certainly have been a solo, and, moreover, it is one of the most difficult and least effective numbers in the work. The final chorus may compare in vigour with the first, and the peroration has extraordinary dignity and impressiveness. The solos are for baritone and soprano only. Those for the former voice are the least interesting portion of the ode, but the latter

is well treated. The description of the visit

defeat, and his despairing death, has given the composer opportunity for some remarkably expressive music, in which a feeling for picturesqueness never permits him to descend to yulgar realism. This portion of the work deserves close analysis as showing how far the composer of a concert-room work may go without overstepping the bounds of legitimate art. Indeed, the whole of the work is noteworthy for carefulness in matters of detail as well as general dignity and broad classic feeling. The performance was, perhaps, the best of the week, the choir singing magnificently, while Miss Macintyre further improved her position by the deep expression she threw into the soprano solos. Rarely has a composer enjoyed a more flat-tering reception, even amid the excitement of a festival, the applause continuing until Dr. Parry had thrice returned to the platform. Of the rendering of Beethoven's Choral Symphony, which followed, it is only necessary to say that it was worthy to compare with that of nine years ago. Higher praise could not be given. To criticize the performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto by Señor Sarasate would be equally

superfluous.

At the evening concert the last and in some respects the most successful of the novelties formed the main feature of the programme. This was Prof. Stanford's setting of Lord Tennyson's ballad 'The Voyage of Maeldune.' The poem so readily suggests musical treatment that it is surprising no composer has hitherto adopted it. But this is as well. Prof. Stanford's version being in all respects satisfying, and more noteworthy for genuine inspiration than anything he has produced since his 'Elegiac Ode.' It is unnecessary in this place to say anything concerning the poem, from which the composer has omitted the portion relating to the visit of the Irish chieftain to the Bounteous Isle and the Island of Double Towers, substituting some lines from 'The Sea Fairies' as appropriate to the description of the Isle of Witches. This was a happy thought as it provided a change of metre and gave occasion for one of the most charming numbers of the work. Prof. Stanford has already shown, more particularly in 'The Revenge,' his capacity to write picturesque and descriptive music, and in the present instance he has been strikingly successful. Structurally the work may be said to consist of a series of passages for tenor solo and chorus, the whole being bound together by the orchestral commentary, in which two motives are very prominent: one, a stern theme in F minor originally, representing Maeldune's desire for revenge; and the other, a flowing measure in sixeight time, the voyage to and from the various enchanted islands. To describe each section in detail would occupy too much space, grateful as the task would be, for the variety and charm of the music are remarkable, and it is to be noted that the composer has been most successful where melodic beauty is most desirable. The music associated with the islands of Silence, of Shouting, and of Fire, though appropriate, is not particularly original. When the undersea isle is seen by the mariners we have a theme almost as beautiful as one of Wagner's love motives; and the whole treatment of the Witches scene, in

which soprano and contralto soli are blended with three-part female chorus, is masterly in the extreme. The close of the work, when the revenge motive is robbed of all sinister significance and the music becomes solemn and almost churchlike, is also extremely effective. If 'The Voyage of Maeldune' does not exemplify genius of the highest order, it commands acceptance as the effort of a musician whose zeal and accomplishments have enabled him on more than one occasion to show how nearly the first-named quality may be approached by simple earnestness. The subject does not appeal to general hearers so powerfully as 'The Revenge,' but the later work is in all artistic qualities the superior. The performance was, unfortunately, by no means first rate as regards the choir and the orchestra; but Mr. Lloyd and Madame Albani rendered their respective parts almost to perfection, and materially contributed to the general success of the production. In the second part were Mendelssohn's music to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream ' and Wilbye's fine old madrigal "Sweet honeysucking bees," the performance of the last-named piece showing that madrigal singing is not a strong point with Leeds singers.

The last day of the festival may be lightly

dealt with. The morning's programme com-menced with Brahms's 'Deutsches Requiem,' a work so full of beauties of the highest class that its neglect can only be attributed to caprice or fear of its executive difficulties. As a matter of fact the rendering on the present occasion was by no means irreproachable, the tenors flattening considerably in the quieter portions, and their bad example affecting the other sections of the choir. On "Worthy art Thou to be praised" was sung with all the energy for which the Leeds choir is noted. Madame Valleria being prevented by continued illness from appearance that the Leeds choir is noted. Required the continued illness from appearance that the Chaptiers and the Chaptiers and the Chaptiers are the continued in the Chaptiers and the Chaptiers are the continued in the Chaptiers and the Chaptiers are the chapter and the Chaptiers and the chapter are the chapter the ing, her place in the 'Requiem' was filled by Miss Fillunger, who satisfied all require-ments, and in the 'Lobgesang' which followed by Madame Albani. The performance of the last-named work was well-nigh perfect.

The interest of the public in the festival was by no means exhausted, the extra concert in the evening being as fully attended as any of the previous performances. Sir Arthur Sullivan's 'Macbeth' music was, of course, heard to much greater advantage than at the Lyceum Theatre, the well-written overture being especially effective. A magnificent performance of 'The Golden Legend,' in which Madame Albani, Miss Damian, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Mills sustained the solo parts, brought the festival to a worthy termination. The demonstration in favour of Sir Arthur Sullivan was no mere empty compliment; he has developed qualities as a conductor unsuspected ten years ago, and it will be unfortunate when the direction of the festival passes from his

On the whole, the meeting has been a brilliant success, the minor defects having arisen from the determination of the committee to give as much musical interest as possible to the undertaking. In so doing of the tenors, quite up to the standard of previous years. We would suggest on the next occasion a more sparing infusion of novelty and the inclusion of at least one standard oratorio in the scheme. These modifications would surely not weaken the hold which the festival has gained on the public. For the general arrangements of the celebration no praise could be too high; they might serve as a model for the promoters of other festivals to imitate.

#### Musical Cossip.

We have authority for stating that Mr. Augustus Harris has decided upon producing Gluck's 'Orpheus' next season at Covent Garden. Considering the great success the work has recently obtained in Italy and elsewhere, the experiment cannot be considered particularly risky; but, if made, it will add to the debt of gratitude already due to Mr. Harris.

OWING to the Leeds Fostival we can only give simple record of Otto Hegner's concert on Wednesday and the recital on Saturday last week. On the former occasion he played Chopin's Concerto in E minor for the first time, and on the latter a number of miscellaneous pieces, the most important being Beethoven's Sonata in D. Op. 10, No. 3. On Monday Hegner started for America, where it is to be hoped a better fate is in store for him than befell little Josef Hofmann.

St. James's Hall will not be entirely bereft of oratorio performances during the coming season. Beside the Bach Choir concerts on February 25th and May 10th, the Royal Society of Musicians will give a performance of 'Elijah' on November 27th; and the 'Messiah' will be given by the South London Choral Association, under Mr. L. C. Venables, on December 20th.

THE Popular Musical Union announces performances of 'Judas Maccabeus' at the People's Palace on November 16th; the 'Messiah' at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, on December 12th, at the People's Palace on the 21st, and Southwark Chapel on January 16th; 'The Southwark Chapel on January 16th; 'The Creation' on February 8th, and 'Elijah' on March 29th, both at the People's Palace. Mr. W. H. Thomas will conduct the performances.

THE production of 'The Prima Donna,' an opéra-bouffe written by Messrs. H. B. Farnie and A. Murray, and composed by Signor Tito Mattei, took place at the Avenue Theatre on Wednesday evening. The piece is equal to the average of its class, but it contains no distinctive features, and it would be superfluous to enter into details. The performance is in all respects satisfactory.

At the moment of going to press the death is announced of Adolph Henselt at Warmbrunn, where he was accustomed to spend his summer vacation. Waiting a confirmation of the state-ment, we hold over an obituary notice of the distinguished pianoforte virtuoso and teacher until next week.

CONCERTS NEXT WEEK.

Mox. Mr. Kuhe's Patti Concert, 8, Albert Hall.
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#### DRAMA

MARY FITTON AND THE 'DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY.

MR. S. L. LEE, in his article "Mary Fitton," says, with reference to the dedication by Kemp, the clown in Shakspeare's company, of his 'Nine Days' Wonder':—

they overstrained the powers of the choir, as the curiously unequal singing proved, the force itself being, with perhaps the exception

"William Kemp, the actor, dedicated to Mistress Anne Fitton, whom he calls maid of honour to the queen, his 'Nine Daies Wonder' (1600), in terms approaching familiarity. Mistress Anne Fitton was

Mary Fitton's elder sister, and there is no good reason for supposing (as has been suggested) that Kemp intended Mary when he wrote Anne. Anne Fitton, baptized Oct. 6th, 1574, married about 1595 Sir John Newdegate, of Erbury, Warwick shire."

Now, if Kemp's book had been really dedicated to Anne Fitton, the fact would not have been without importance, as giving a link of connexion between the Fittons and Shakspeare's company. But, as Dyce pointed out when he edited Kemp's book, there is certainly a mistake in the Christian name. Whether the mistake was made by Kemp or his printer I do not proress to determine. Mr. Lee thinks that, not-withstanding Anne Fitton's marriage, her maiden name was still used by Kemp. He must also maintain that she had been maid of honour at some time previously, for there is certainly no probability, or even, I may say, possibility, of her having continued to hold this office in 1600. But the evidence now points to the conclusion that she could never have been maid of honour at The Rev. W. A. Harrison chanced to find a short time since in Lysons's ' Environs of London' (vol. iii. p. 450) an extract from the register of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, giving the date of Anne Fitton's marriage as April 30th, 1587. At first it seemed probable that there was some error, as at the date named Anne Fitton would not in all likelihood have completed her thirteenth year. I have therefore inspected the register at Stepney (which begins in 1568), and I find the entry, "John Newdigate and Ann I find the entry, "John Newdigate and Ann daughter of Sr Edward flitton married wha a licence the same day."\* "The same day" is the same day with the couple just previously mentioned as married on the date given by Lysons. It thus appears that Lysons was right, and consequently Kemp's book must have been really dedicated to that once notorious lady Mrs. Mary Fitton, who was maid of honour in 1600.

But this marriage of Ann Fitton is of importance in other respects with regard to the question whether her sister was the lady celebrated in Shakspeare's Sonnets. Sonnet 152 contains the words-

In act thy bed-vow broke,

showing pretty plainly that the lady had been married, though there is no indication in the Sonnets of a husband as likely to interpose any obstacle between the lady and her admirers. From what we know of the Fitton family previous to Mary's becoming a maid of honour in 1595, it would seem probable that Mary was married in or about 1592, at the time when her brother Edward incurred his father's most serious displeasure by marrying without his consent (see letter of Lady Fitton, MS. Lansd. 71). There are indications in letters preserved at Hatfield entirely agreeing with Mary Fitton's having so married, and with the marriage being treated as null and void for want of the father's consent. But a difficulty might suggest itself on account of her youth. would have been at the time only thirteen. This difficulty is now removed by the date of her sister's marriage as given in the Stepney register.

Recently I visited the remarkable monument

in Gawsworth Church, with five figures, the definite identification of which with Lady Alice Fitton and her children, Edward, Richard, Ann, and Mary, is due to Mr. J. P. Earwaker ('East Cheshire,' vol. ii. p. 582). It was interesting to find that while Edward, the eldest son, was apparently fair, with light moustache, Mary was dark, with black hair, thus agreeing entirely with what is said in the Sonnets (see 127 al.). Earwaker had said that the figures "show traces of having been highly coloured." It is fortunate that the colouring, which gives no indication of having been restored at any recent time, is in a far better condition than Earwaker's description would suggest.

With reference to the announcement of my forthcoming edition of Shakspeare's Sonnets in

<sup>\*</sup> There is no record of this Newdigate-Fitton marriage in thester's 'London Marriage Licences.'

the Athenœum of the 28th ult., I may say that the portraits intended to accompany it are Mary Fitton, William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke (not the Earl of Southampton), and Mary, Countess of Pembroke.

THOMAS TYLER.

#### Bramatic Cossip.

Mr. Pinero is writing an essay which may eventually form the preface to 'The Profligate.' It will be published by the Associated Literary Press (McClure).

THE project of licensing the music-halls for the performance of dramatic scenes which has been ventilated will meet with no opposition from the principal London managers, who are sensible of the obligation the stage is under to the music-hall, in which it finds a successful recruiting ground. There are few towns of importance in which the pantomime is not to some extent supported by "music-hall artists."

A PERFORMANCE at the Haymarket on Wednesday afternoon for the benefit of Mr. Maddison Morton reintroduced two well-known farces by that dramatist. 'Done on Both Sides' was given by Messrs. 'Done on Both Sides' was given by Messrs. Hargreaves, Collette, and Allan, Miss Morland, and Miss Aylward. The two principal parts in 'Box and Cox' were meanwhile to be taken by Mr. Harry Nicholls and Mr. Arthur Williams, two of the latest school of low comedians. Through illness, however, Mr. Williams was unable to appear, and Cox was taken at shortest notice by Mr. E. M. Robson; Mrs. E. Phelps was the Mrs. Bouncer. 'Masks and Faces' was also given in brilliant style by Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Mrs. Bernard Beere, and other actors who took part in the late Haymarket revival. The result was artistically and pecuniarily a success. Mr. Morton's health is at the present moment precarious.

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